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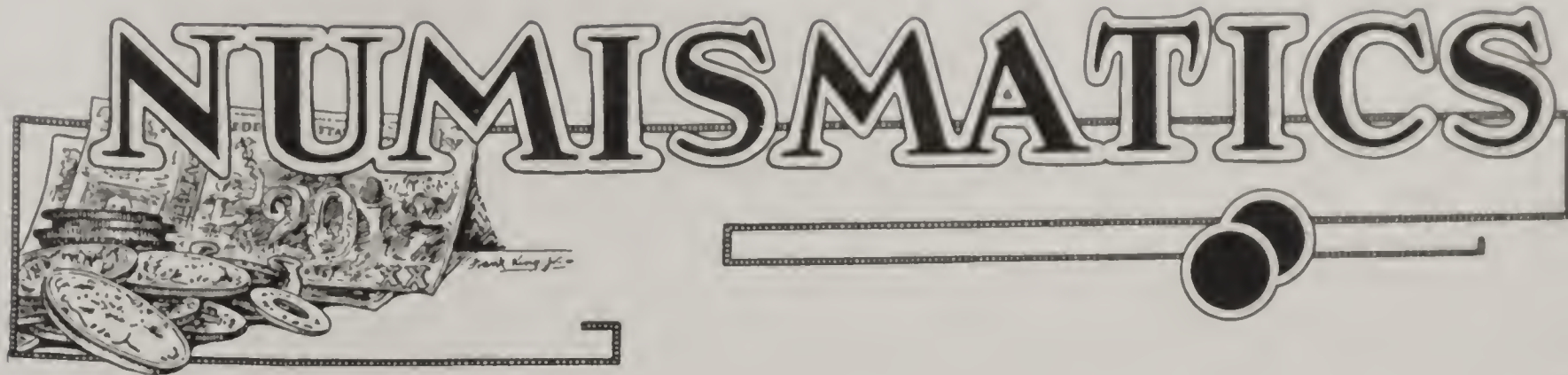
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Numismatic Thoughts

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Commemoratives

JOE SHANNON, U. S. Representative from Kansas City, is making a fight to keep the government out of business. That he would pause in his work and help take steps to "take the coin business out of government." The issuance of commemorative coins is becoming commercialized. The government mints should not be operated for the benefit of those who "corner" against the interests of the buying public. These coins are very popular with collectors, and in great demand, and should be coined in sufficient numbers to supply all customers at the intended price. If a limited number is issued and a big share allotted to one or two dealers the price goes sky-rocketing to the expense of other dealers and the collectors. Collectors do not object to a donation to some worthy cause, but they do object to being "held up" by grasping speculators. In one of the recent issues there was a superabundance of coins permitted, but instead of having them all of one date, as was the evident intention, they bear several dates, thus making the collector, in order to complete his set, buy several coins of the same type. The type of coin is plentiful, but as to certain dates is not, with the result the collector is taxed for several coins at a high price, when he should only have to buy one coin at the initial price of \$1. Commemoratives are interesting as to type rather than date, and one should not be forced to buy several dates in order to fill his set with one type.

The fault seems not to be with the organizations or the dealers, but with laxity in controlling laws. Thus, some provision should be made in future laws authorizing commemoratives by placing some restrictions on the distribution of the coins. Let us hope that congress now in session, should an issue of commemoratives be asked for, include the coin collectors New Deal in the big New Deal. As President Roosevelt is an ardent coin col-

lector we are sure he will not object to it. It is too bad this feature does not come under the jurisdiction of a numismatic Jim Farley; all of our money would then be commemoratives, even the paper bills.

Stamp collectors get a new commemorative every time they ask for it, and many times without asking. It might be said "Count that month lost whose ending does not find a new commemorative of some kind." And is this not a good thing? No numismatist begrudges the philatelist his good luck. It is as it should be. It should not be looked at from a hobby stand point altogether. It is an educational movement. The commemoratives are sent in vast quantities to all the countries in the world, advertising our country and making for closer relationship and neighborly feeling. It has not only a national but an international effect for good.

And what is true about commemorative stamps applies also to commemorative coins. Even more so, for coins are more durable, and can stand rough usage. Historians of today are piecing together ancient history through the medium of coins thousands of years old. Who knows, perhaps ten thousand years from now, historians will be examining our coins for corroborative evidence of our present history. Yet there are only a few commemorative coins issued, and these at the behest of some organization in order to raise money for some laudable cause, and only in limited numbers. Outside of the Columbian halves there are not enough of the different issues to go around even to the collectors, let alone to the general public. Efforts are now being made by numismatists and coin clubs for a New Deal in commemoratives. More of them should be minted and they should be gotten out by the government for the benefit of the general public, and distributed at face value, the same as the Washington quarter. This is not asking too much of Uncle Sam. Numismatists do not ask for

a new coin each change of the moon, but they would like to have at least one a year. We do not ask for it for our hobby's sake, but from an educational stand point, nationally and internationally.

"Bre(a)d on the water"—fishes.

Even if a fool does not soon part with his money, money would find an excuse to part with him.

If our foresight had been as good as our hindsight we would have all, years ago, laid aside each year a set of coins fresh from the mint. This is one thing that should be impressed on the young collectors. And too, one of each denomination of our paper money should be set to one side. How nice it would be if we all had a set of crisp, brand new, never-in-circulation, large sized bills. They are a novelty now, even though discontinued just a short time ago.

The more we think of it the more we like the idea of collecting cancelled historical checks in conjunction with money. Certainly most of our former distinguished citizens must have written checks, and surely some of the cancelled checks are still in existence.

With billions of dollars worth of gold in the oceans the golden streets surrounding the mansions in the sky have nothing on the golden paved floor of Davy Jones' locker in the briny deep.

The CCC, Coin Collectors Coterie, is growing rapidly. The CCC is the least restricted yet the most perfectly disciplined Association in existence. No charters, no by-laws, no officers, yet it functions perfectly. Its membership comprises peoples of every nation yet it speaks but one language, money. Royalty and plebeian touch shoulders; rich and poor intermingle; men and women intermix; youth and old age on the same status; all for one and one for all. A member's standing is not gauged by the number of coins he has but by his love for the hobby. A member with only an Indian head penny is an

the same par with a collector of rarities.

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Lay your coins on the table. The Heart of America Numismatic Association (Kansas City) is going to follow up the idea by making a window display of old coins in a prominent down-town show window. The primary object is to interest the public in numismatics and secondarily to recruit new members for the club. Citizens of the "show me" State are not satisfied with being told, they insist on being shown, and the Club is going to show them.

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"Retired from active service"—gold coins.

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An old fashioned girl with curls and elongated skirts at a modern new youth party is about as popular as a smooth coin with an indistinguishable date among a collection of proofs.

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"See this little Roman piece of money, Coinie, it might have been the original Widow's mite."

"No, Bill, a widow's might never comes in small change but in her blandishments."

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Liberty says "flour dust" means gold dust. Judging from the looks and taste of the bread we get at some restaurants the baker must have used just plain dirt dust.

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It is generally accepted by numismatic authorities that the so-called 1795 Jefferson cent is a counterfeit.

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Some one said "Music to a real musician is like a pretty girl is to her sweetheart with whom she dines." He feels she is eating with him and not off of him." And so it is with genuine coin collectors. They think of their old coins as part of them and not something just owned by them; not valued in dollars and cents but in love and affection.

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You have an old collection of coins laying around the house some place. Get it out and lay the coins on the table. Call in a numismatist and let him diagnose them. Perhaps he will discover a symptom of rarity-itis among them.

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A coin collector has a collection of coins and keeps them in a box; a numismatist has a selection of coins and keeps them in a cabinet.

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"Paste-board" money refers to the Continental scrip of Revolutionary period.

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Cross word puzzlers are familiar with "elongated fish"—eel. An elongated conversationalist is a coin collector discussing his pet hobby. He is a spring that is never known to become dry. Be it said to his credit, he is no bore, for he is talking on a branch of learning more interesting than astronomy, geology or botany; a study almost as interesting as that of the human race, of which money has been a constant companion from time immemorial.

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"Money cannot buy friendship, but it will get what you want. It will buy flattery."—Claude Callan.

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The word Dollar is taken from Thaler, and Thaler is short for Joachimstaler, the name of a Bohemian village.

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Our first commemorative coins were the dime and half-dimes of 1792, known as the Martha Washingtons, made from silver plate furnished by Martha herself.

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"That fellow has 99 cents of the first dollar he ever earned; must be a Scotchman."

"How old is he?"

"Thirty."

"Then he is not Scotch, for at that age a Scotchman still has the whole dollar."

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Everyone remembers the first money he earned. Every collector remembers and cherishes the first coin he ever saved, the progenitor of his present large collection. It is interesting to hear of the various incidents that started collectors on their life time hobby. Conversation at a

gathering of collectors brought out the following. "My father," said one, "asked me if I had a dollar. I produced a dollar bill. 'I'll trade dollars with you' said he, tendering me a silver dollar. What kind of money is that, I asked. 'A trade dollar' he answered. His explanation of the odd looking coin was responsible for my becoming a collector."

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"And what is your pet? I asked another. "Father gave me the favorite heirloom, a Confederate bill of his father. The bill was bullet-holed with blood stains still visible. Grandfather, a Confederate soldier, was wounded in battle, the bullet passing through the bill blood-stained it." This collector has a large collection of paper money.

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"Dimes are my favorite," said an old gentleman. Why? Sentiment. He related how the boys in his days crashed the gates of the Big Tops when the circus came to town. Some of the boys carried oceans of water to the animals; others took a chance by slipping under the tent. But he played it safer. He would inveigle a dime from his parent. At the night performance the ticket taker, as soon as the crowd had entered, turned out all but one light, picked up the ticket box and left for the rear, leaving a circus hand to guard the entrance. Slipping up to the sub-ticket taker and tendering him the coin the boy would say "won't you let me in for a dime Mister, that's all I got." The man would hurriedly pocket the dime with a "All right, go on in." "And this, too," he chuckled, "included the concert." The concert ticket takers at the evening performance had no time for argument and the boy's "I carried water" was not questioned. No wonder this gentleman prefers dimes.

Auctions

M. H. Bolender of Orangeville, Ill., started off the New Year with an auction on schedule for January 5. This is Mr. Bolender's Ninety-Fourth Auction sale. It lists the collections of Mrs. A. Mohr of California and H. F. Williams of Nova Scotia, and the collection of rare and unusual specimens of obsolete paper money belonging to Waldo C. Moore of Lewisburg, Ohio.

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A report from New York states lively bidding on the early United States coins sold recently by Thomas L. Elder for F. P. Reeve.

The scarce \$50 gold slug issued in 1851 by Augustus Humbert, the United States assayer of gold in California was sold. One of the best prices

\$101.50 paid for a copy of the rare Washington cent of 1792 which was formerly in the Appleton collection. Another choice early coin was a Mormon quarter-eagle of 1849, with the clasped hands on the reverse, which sold for \$63.

The sale contained a larger number than usual of proof specimens of United States gold from the various mints. For the \$20 gold pieces from the Carson City mint \$41.50 was paid for the 1893 issue, \$40.50 for 1873 and \$34.50 for 1885. The New Orleans minted double-eagles of 1857 and 1858 brought \$34 each. Among the rare \$10 gold coins, an 1863 proof, Philadelphia Mint, sold for \$22.50. A proof of the \$1 gold, 1875, sold for \$92.50 and an 1862 gold dollar proof brought \$9.25.

Three old half-cents in excellent condition brought good prices, \$52 being paid for the 1793 and 1794 dates, while another variety of the 1793 dates sold for \$36.

Among the foreign coins was an exceptionally large number of early English gold coins, the majority being of the five guinea and five sovereign value. A proof of a Queen Victoria sovereign piece, 1839, sold for \$76 and a five sovereign coin of George IV, 1826, sold for \$75. A fine broad gold sovereign of Queen Mary, known to history as "Bloody Mary," 1553, sold for \$65 and the same price was paid for a broad five guinea coin of Charles II, 1671.

Among some choice Colonial issues, a Massachusetts Pine Tree shilling of 1652 sold for \$10.50 and an Oak Tree three-pence of the same year sold for \$12.50. A fine specimen of the rare Annapolis Chalmers shilling, 1783, sold for \$12.75.

Denver Mint Coins First Dollars in Seven Years

Denver, Colo.—The Denver mint is coining dollars for the first time in seven years, Mark A. Skinner, superintendent, revealed last month.

New Issue News

Texas Centennial Issue

A dispatch from Austin, Texas, states that orders for Texas Centennial silver 50c coins are being received in large numbers notwithstanding that the campaign proper has not been launched. This issue, according to the report is popular with governors. Governor Benjamin R. Moeur of Phoenix, Ariz., and his secretary, H. H. Hotchkiss, have sent orders for coins to Mr. Adair at headquarters of the American Legion Texas Centennial committee there.

Secretary Hotchkiss wrote:

"We both came from Texas and are especially interested in the centennial. My grandfather, William S. Hotchkiss, was in the treasury department of the State of Texas from 1836 to 1870 and my father was born and raised in the city of Austin. Governor Moeur and I both hope that your program will be an entire success."

Orders also have been received from the governors of Michigan, Maryland, Indiana, Missouri and other states. Governor-Elect James V. Allred has placed his order for coins for "all the Allred family."

Connecticut Tercentenary Medal in Demand

W. C. Sanders of New Haven, Conn., sends the latest available news on the Connecticut Tercentenary medals. The first 200 of the medals to be struck have been numbered and can be purchased from the Tercentenary Commission at the State Capitol in Hartford for \$5 apiece. The remaining 1,800, done up in attractive boxes, suitable for presents, are for sale at \$1.

The medal shows on one side, a group of men and women—the founders of Connecticut—dominated by the commanding figure of Thomas Hooker, holding the Fundamental orders. At his side is seen his invalid wife, Susannah.

The faith of the State's founders is expressed on the reverse side of the medal, by the grapevines on the Seal of Connecticut and the motto "Qui Transtulit sustinet," translated, "He who brought us hither sustains us."

The legend, "1635-1935 Connecticut 300 years," on the obverse, springs from the heart of the medal and continues in a spiral, as if to prophesy the future spiritual and physical growth of the State. The word "Religion," "Law" and "Education" on the reverse represent Connecticut's traditional adherence to "Religion in a deep sense, Education in a broad sense, and Law in common sense."

The medal was designed by Henry Kreis of Essex at Federal expense, as part of the National Recovery Act, (Public Works of Art Project No. 20 for New Haven) and was executed by the Medallic Art Company of New York City.

Owing to the increase in the price of bronze a higher price will have to be charged if the available number of 2,000 metals are sold out and others executed, it is stated.

No Gold for Gifts

For the first time in history, gold coins were not available for Christmas presents.

Figures at the Treasury recently showed there is very little gold in circulation. Officials said that practically all of that outstanding is held by collectors.

In years past gold pieces formed a popular and convenient Christmas present, particularly two-fifties and fives—quarter and half eagles.

Rare Coins Worry Museums

Museums with important hoards of coins have more worries than a pirate with his gold, says Science Service. At least so it appears from discussion at the International Museums Conference, at Madrid, regarding the great care needed to protect collections of the world's past money against weather changes and thieves. "Dust which rests on the surface of coins can act like a sponge and absorb sulphuric acid which hastens deterioration of the coin," Dr. August Loehr of Vienna reported. Use of inferior coal has caused very serious damage to silver and bronze coins. Coins are extremely sensitive to variations in temperature and more particularly to changes in humidity. Curators have found that violent rises and drops in heat have a worse effect than completely shutting off the heating plant.

Who Else Collects Coin Boxes?

Numismatics, like other hobbies, has its sidelines to appeal to the collector. A hobby followed by an Englishman, Malcolm S. Cooper, is collecting coin boxes. We quote in part from Mr. Cooper's description of his hobby in *The Bazaar*, an English contemporary:

"A most interesting numismatic sideline, in my opinion, is coin box collecting, as this hobby gives many unique and fascinating varieties.

"When I mention coin boxes I am referring to coins that have been split in two, or made into a box or locket, with the obverse one end, and reverse the other. In many cases whole coins are used, one for the lid, and one for the bottom.

"In the latter types they are generally made to look like piles of pennies, or halfpennies, whichever the case may be. The sides of these boxes are made out of some kind of metal, generally brass, and they are grooved round to give the effect of a pile of coins.

"The majority of boxes are made with a coin top and bottom, the top showing the obverse, and with the reverse showing inside the lid, and the bottom vice versa.

"The tops of these boxes were usually made to screw on, or fit inside like a saucepan lid. I have a penny of 1806 with a left hand screw, which is very uncommon.

"The earliest boxes I have ever come across were a set of three of Charles II. reign, a crown, half-crown and shilling, each box was made out of two coins, one to fit over like a lid, the box only being the thickness of the actual coin. These boxes were in excellent preservation, considering they were so exceedingly thin, after having had the centers turned out.

"There seemed to be a craze for making these boxes during the reign of George III., especially when the twopenny pieces were issued in 1797, pennies, halfpennies and farthings of 1799, pennies, halfpennies and farthings of 1806.

"I have not seen many since that reign, but have one rather interesting double florin of 1889, made into a locket type. The reverse fits perfectly into the other coin, where the reverse has been turned out, and opens with an ingenious hinge. There is a small frame inside to take a photo. This is an excellent piece of workmanship but, of course, is not an antique.

"Silver boxes were fairly prevalent during Charles II., when milled coinage was permanently introduced into this country, and up to George II. After that reign they became rare, and I have not myself come

across any, although there may be some in existence.

"With regards to gold boxes, I have seen an excellent five-guineas piece of Queen Anne, made into the flat locket screw-up type. Gold boxes are very few and far apart.

"The beginner must not run away with the idea that he is going to start collecting as easily as coins, as all these boxes are scarce and were not turned out like coins. Therefore it takes time to form a collection, and one has to forage round old antique shops and markets, which gives great pleasure to the average collector, the more so if he picks up a good specimen or bargain.

"The collector will ask himself for what use were these boxes and lockets

made. The pile of pennies type was made to hold counters, and no doubt some people used them for carrying snuff. They would be very adaptable for this purpose.

"The flat locket type, it is more than probable, was used during war-time to carry secret messages, as the opening or catches are very difficult to detect in some cases.

"A large majority were made by amateurs trying to show their skill as engineers. One can nearly always distinguish these, as they are very badly finished off, whereas the others are beautifully executed and finished."

A miser looks upon money as an end to the means; a numismatist looks upon it as a means to an end.

Recollections of An Old Collector

By THOMAS L. ELDER

THERE are collectors reading this who can perhaps hark back farther than can the writer with his sixty odd years. However to mention collecting in such early years as 1884 and 1885 brings us back to the fifty year mark and that's going some. What did I first collect? Why, as a poor boy, I lived in a little railroad town, in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Poor boys couldn't collect much in the way of coins so they turned, in our group, to tobacco tins. There was quite a variety of these, as most grown-ups in those days not only smoked but chewed tobacco. In some instances the round stove in the country store, around which sat old and young men talking shop, was the spittoon, and many a chewer of tobacco decorated the old store stove. Some of these chewers tore off the tin tags, of various designs: spearheads, oblongs, circles, and other forms, which were inscribed, and threw them onto the floor. The storekeeper added a few, which were swept out of doors at night. We boys used to pick around refuse heaps for these and I well remember there was a sort of standard cash price on them, six or eight for a cent among the boy collectors of eight or nine years each. From this we soon graduated to hunting arrowheads, and finally at thirty (or forty-seven years ago), my father, who had a small coin collection, presented it to me. I can easily remember some of the coins in that collection. There was a half kopek of Peter the Great among them, a very fine one. My father in his trips to New York used to stop at Scotts and buy me a few more copies and arrowheads, which

tickled my young fancy. One of my earliest favorite pastimes was to read James Elverson's "Golden Days." It had an exchange column where any boy could have his name entered with a small advertisement. I traded relics and swapped with some of these readers. I can remember but one of them now whom I am still in contact with and that is Bob King of Erie, Pa., whose patron saint seems to be Abraham Lincoln. Another I corresponded with for many years was R. L. Read of Attleboro, Mass. His family kept a bakery, and Read's Bakery was well known and may be still in existence. I wrote letters to R. L. Read for perhaps twenty-five years but never met him. I have lost track of him for the last fifteen years. He wrote fascinating letters on collecting and otherwise, and was bully good company through the mails. Messrs. Gaul of Washington, Pa., W. A. Bodendoerfer of Muskegon, Mich., and A. W. Reeves, of Chicago, are among my oldest correspondents, in collecting and I have heard from all of them in comparatively recent times. One gleans then from this that collectors stick together for many years, their hobbies keeping them in touch with each other. There must be in nearly all of us a germ for most of us turned naturally to some sort of hobby. Yet some collectors become noted in special lines through a mere accident. Clarence S. Bement of Philadelphia, one of the most noted numismatists we have had, had collected prints and minerals. True, on trips to Europe he had accumulated a handful of common Roman coins in Italy, but it was many years later that he was really bitten when shown a beautiful uncirculated Byzantine gold coin by

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Another interesting collector was Henry C. Miller, who died at about the age of 75 in 1920. He had made frequent trips to Europe and was well enough posted on rare American coins to find some gems in that line over there before the American dealers searched there so extensively, for our own coinages. Mr. Miller collected Anglo-Saxon also, rare American colonials, and Roman coins. I sold his collections for him in several sales since 1910. I'll tell you more of Miller, his collections and his finding a pair of proof 1796 U. S. Half Cents in London in another issue.

Peace Medals of the War of 1812

By RAYMOND J. WALKER

MEDALS in most cases have been awarded to victorious generals and successful admirals; or to brave soldiers and sailors. In recent years the great Scandinavian scientist Nobel established a prize for the person who had done the most to promote peace. Medals have been issued from time to time by various nations to commemorate the ratification of treaties which brought peace to war tired nations. Like commemorative stamps these medals were struck to perpetuate the memory of events and were not awarded to individuals because they were opposed to war.

When peace was made between Great Britain and the United States in 1814, there was great rejoicing among the manufacturing and mercantile classes of both nations and medals were struck in both nations to keep alive the spirit of peace and good will between the great English speaking nations. The coming of peace was especially welcome to the people of New England who had never approved of the war. The Federalist party which had for its leaders such men as Washington, Hamilton, and John Adams, had committed

political suicide in opposing the Jeffersonian party in their favoritism of France against England during the long Napoleonic wars.

Peace negotiations had been going on almost all through the war. In 1813, Russia had offered to mediate between Great Britain and the United States; that is, to assist as a friend of both parties, in arranging terms of peace. President Madison finally appointed five commissioners to arrange a treaty. They met the British commissioners at Ghent, in Belgium, and, after long negotiations, agreed upon a treaty of peace on December 24, 1814. This treaty was ratified by the United States and put a stop to the war. Peace had thus been agreed upon before the battle of New Orleans was fought, but there were no ocean cables or radio to bring the news in time to avoid the battle.

The news of Jackson's victory of January 8, 1815 was not known at Washington until February 4, when it made the people wild with joy. The news of the treaty of peace reached New York one week later and was received with equal pleasure. It was welcome to everyone for the affairs

of the country were in very bad condition. There was little commerce, or business of any kind; and poverty and distress were general. Farmers had not been able to sell their crops; the price of all commodities had risen; and there was little money in the country with which to buy. All classes hoped and believed that prosperity would return with peace.

The coming of peace saved the Union from a civil war. It seemed that the Federal Government was unable to check the British attacks on the coasts of New England and those states came to believe that the government did not care to afford them any protection. Finally late in 1814, these states sent delegates to meet at Hartford, Connecticut, to consider the state of affairs.

The Hartford Convention alarmed the government and the country in general. Its meetings were held in secret, and it was supposed at the time that its members were plotting to break up the Union and the formation of a separate New England government. It made a public report, recommended among other things, that the New England States should be allowed to defend themselves against the British without waiting for the Federal Government. Peace was made so soon afterwards that no further steps were taken.

This was the situation that led up to the issuing of the peace medals by two nations that have kept that peace now for one hundred and twenty years. One of the medals struck bore on the obverse a feminine figure standing upon the segment of a globe, holding in one hand the olive branch of peace. The reverse bore the legend: "Treaty of Peace and Amity between Great Britain and the United States of America. Signed at Ghent, December 24, 1814." Another medal commemorating this event had on the obverse a feminine figure rep-

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resenting peace and the legend: "Peace Spreads Her Influence O'er the Atlantic Shore," while on the reverse a dove above a wreath, within the wreath the legend: "Concord Between Great Britain and America."

The British Government, grateful for the loyalty of Canada during the war caused a medal of gratitude to be struck. On the obverse of this medal is a device depicting a lion sleeping while a busy beaver works away at the stump of a tree on one side of the strait. The legend reads: "Upper Canada Preserved." The reverse has a wreath in the center, within the wreath the legend: "For Merit," while the legend of the outer circle reads: "Presented by a Grateful Country."

Old Coins Over to Court

Baltimore, Md.—Police Commissioner Charles D. Gaither has washed his hands of the \$11,427 hoard of 3,558 old gold coins two Baltimore youths dug up in a cellar.

Commissioner Gaither, who took charge of the treasure after it was unearthed last August, turned it over to Judge Eugene O'Dunne's court. He pointed out he had no interest in the rich hoard other than that of a stakeholder and that eight groups of claimants would have to settle the matter of ownership among themselves.

Since the coins may have a numismatic worth the court had them put in a safe deposit box rather than deposited in a bank, pending a decision as to ownership.

private obligations, which came to be called "shinplasters" or scrip. Soon shinplasters of all varieties began to circulate—many of them of doubtful value.

Immediately the government was compelled to authorize the use of postage stamps for making small payment, just as is often done today in making small payment by mail. This bill, approved unanimously by the Senate, was signed by President Lincoln on July 17, 1862. The issue of shinplasters was also forbidden by this act.

Since at the time of the adoption of the law, the Treasury was not prepared to issue any stamps, the people besieged the postoffices to obtain the ordinary postage stamps to use as currency. Later some difficulty arose over the redemption of the stamps, many of which were very likely frauds.

The real postage currency which had no glued backs was first distributed on August 21, 1862. At first they were issued in sheets with each note having perforated edges as on the ordinary stamps. Their designs were duplicates of those on the postage stamps. The notes were of the 5, 10, 25, and 50 denominations and the 25 bore five copies of Jefferson's portrait; the 50 bore five copies of Washington's portrait.

The issue ceased on May 27, 1863, after a duration of nine months and six days. The denominations and amounts issued were as follows:¹

5c	\$ 2,242,889
10c	4,115,378
25c	5,225,696
50c	8,631,672
Total	\$20,215,635

On March 3, 1863, a law was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue fractional notes of amounts similar to the postage and revenue stamps. The notes were to take the place of the stamps. Furthermore the Treasury was authorized to print the notes. However, for a while the Treasury put off the printing of the new notes and continued the issue of postage currency.

Previous to the act of March 3, 1863, greenbacks and postage stamps were made for the government by bank-note companies. Since the bank-note companies were said to be combined in order to force up the prices of the printing of the greenbacks and stamps, Congress authorized the Treasury to do the printing.

The fractionals that were authorized by the act of March 3, began to be issued on October 10, 1863 and ceased on February 23, 1867, a period of three years, four months, and thir-

¹Annual Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the Finances for 1874. Page 385.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY NOTES

By JOHN A. MUSCALUS
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TO understand the facts which gave rise to the issue of fractional currency notes, it is first necessary to take up the suspension of specie payment which took place about January 1, 1862. However, to comprehend the significance of the suspension of specie payment, one must first realize that for paper money to have value, it must be backed by something of value. For instance, the silver certificates are backed by deposits of silver dollars; the gold certificates are backed by deposits of gold. Therefore, if paper money is issued without a reasonable amount of gold or silver to back it or with none at all, the paper money is likely to sink in value and tend to drive the gold and silver coins out of circulation and into hiding. This is in accordance with Gresham's law which states that when several kinds of money of the same face value but of different reliability, due to the material of which they are made or to the backing they have, circulate with legal tender power, the less reliable money will cause the more reliable money to go out of circulation and into hoarding or exportation. This is precisely what happened in 1861 and after.

In 1861, which was the first year of the Civil War, the government was in need of money; and as one means of obtaining it, in November issued United States notes payable on demand when it could not back them with a reasonable amount of gold or silver. This issue of notes was contrary to the understanding the Secretary of the Treasury had given the bankers who, in order to keep up the faith of the people in the credit of the government, had at first accepted the notes in exchange for currency. However, after over a month of this exchange the banks noticed it was undermining their strength by depleting the hard money (specie) reserves. If the banks continued to hand out specie for the notes, soon they would have a reserve composed of notes instead of gold and silver. Therefore, in order to prevent this condition from occurring, the banks felt compelled to suspend specie payments; that is, stop giving gold or silver coin in exchange for paper notes. Since the government depended on the banks in its payment of specie, it likewise was compelled to suspend specie payment about Jan. 1, 1861.

As a consequence of the suspension of specie payment, silver coins disappeared as if by magic. For several months people were handicapped by the lack of a means by which small payments could be made, as for newspapers, car fare, postage, and small purchases. This, of course, hindered the retail trade considerably. To counteract the shortage of small change, firms, corporations, and individual business people issued a substitute in the form of tickets, due-bills, and other similar tokens of

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5c	\$ 2,794,826.10
10c	6,176,084.30
25c	7,648,341.25
50c	6,545,232.00
Total	\$23,164,483.65

A law of June 30, 1864 amended the Act of March 3, 1863 and gave the Secretary more authority over the notes. Since at this time there was a shortage of cents, so badly needed for payment of stamps, etc., the secretary took the authority granted and had a three cent note made to counteract the inconvenience caused by the shortage of cents. Even today there are many who advocate a three-cent coin to facilitate payment for newspapers and stamps.

The issue authorized by the law of June 30, 1864 began on December 5, 1864 and ceased on April 16, 1869, a period of four years, four months, and eleven days. The denominations and amounts issued were as follows:³

3c	\$ 601,923.90
5c	657,002.75
10c	16,976,134.50
15c	1,352.40
25c	31,143,188.75
50c	36,735,426.50
Total	\$86,115,028.80

An amusing event occurred over the preparation of the issue just mentioned. A man by the name of Clark, who was one of the Treasury officials at the time, managed to have his portrait engraved on the five-cent note. Congress was so aroused over the event that it passed a law on April 7, 1866 which provided as follows.

"No portrait shall be placed upon any of the bonds, securities, notes, financial or postal currency of the United States while the original of such portrait is living."

The fourth issue of fractional notes began on July 14, 1869 and ceased on February 16, 1875, a period of five years, seven months, and two days. The series, denominations, and amounts were as follows:⁴

	1st Series	2nd Series	3rd Series
10c	\$ 34,940,960		
15c	5,304,216		
25c	58,922,256		
50c	9,576,000	\$43,024,000	\$24,799,600
Total	\$108,743,432	\$43,024,000	\$24,799,600
Total	\$176,567,032		

The fifth issue of fractional notes began on February 20, 1874 and ceased on February 15, 1876, a period of one year, eleven months, and nineteen days. The denominations and amounts are as follows:⁵

10c	\$19,989,900
25c	36,092,000
50c	6,580,000
Total	\$62,661,900

It is to be remembered that during the period of the suspension of specie payment, many forces were at work tending to bring about a restoration of specie payment. Eventually Congress hurried a bill of this

nature through and on January 14, 1875 President Grant signed the Specie Resumption Act. This act provided (1) that the \$382,000,000 of greenbacks (United States Notes) be reduced to \$300,000,000 as the national banknotes increased, (2) that on January 1, 1878 the \$300,000,000 of greenbacks be redeemed in coin which was to be obtained by the purchase of gold through the sale of bonds, (3) that the Secretary of the Treasury was to issue silver coins in exchange for fractional paper notes.

Because of various economic circumstances, the Treasury considered it impractical to carry out the provisions of the law in regard to the fractional notes, but was ordered by a law of April 17, 1876 to issue the new coins and to continue coinage until all the fractional notes were redeemed.

The sums redeemed since then have been as follows:

1877 ..	\$14,043,458.05	1906 ..	\$ 1,351.80
1878 ..	3,855,368.57	1907 ..	1,763.00
1879 ..	705,158.66	1908 ..	1,180.00
1880 ..	251,717.41	1909 ..	2,027.00
1881 ..	109,001.05	1910 ..	1,965.00
1882 ..	58,705.55	1911 ..	1,431.35
1883 ..	46,556.96	1912 ..	1,236.03
1884 ..	20,629.50	1913 ..	1,545.00
1885 ..	15,885.43	1914 ..	2,137.00
1886 ..	10,088.36	1915 ..	2,233.00
1887 ..	7,123.15	1916 ..	1,743.00
1888 ..	24,320.53	1917 ..	1,928.75
1889 ..	5,953.35	1918 ..	1,430.33
1890 ..	5,179.50	1919 ..	1,823.00
1891 ..	3,831.37	1920 ..	1,247.78

1892 ..	4,216.38	1921 ..	605.89
1893 ..	2,988.60	1922 ..	942.46
1894 ..	3,867.20	1923 ..	884.82
1895 ..	3,019.82	1924 ..	1,218.84
1896 ..	2,933.18	1925 ..	774.41
1897 ..	3,482.00	1926 ..	1,228.47
1898 ..	2,900.00	1927 ..	817.84
1899 ..	3,950.00	1928 ..	889.68
1900 ..	2,418.25	1929 ..	114.10
1901 ..	2,678.78	1930 ..	1,047.62
1902 ..	3,008.00	1931 ..	1,220.41
1903 ..	2,083.00	1932 ..	1,324.00
1904 ..	1,990.75	1933 ..	1,865.31
1905 ..	2,140.80		

An analysis of the redemption figures seems to indicate that periods of business depression are accompanied by increased amounts of notes presented for redemption.

The amount of fractional currency notes still outstanding is about \$2,000,000. No deduction has been made over a considerable period of time for fractional currency notes that are estimated to have been destroyed by fire, deterioration, etc. Such a deduction would reduce the \$2,000,000 by a rather large fraction.

A summary of the sequence of events after the suspension of specie payments is as follows:

1. The use of shinplasters.
2. The use of ordinary postage stamps.
3. The use of postage currency. It is also known as the first issue of fractional notes.
4. The issue of fractional currency notes.
5. The resumption of specie payment and the redemption of the fractional currency notes.

²*Ibid.*, 1874, page 385

³*Ibid.*, 1874, page 385

⁴*Ibid.*, 1876, page 510.

⁵*Ibid.*, 1878, page 421.

Sale of the Comstock Collection

By THOMAS L. ELDER

WITH likely the largest assemblage of varieties of California gold dollars, gold half and quarter dollars, numbering some 350 pieces, the Comstock offering in January, in New York gives promise of being the biggest thing ever in this class of collectors coins. The catalog has in addition, the Comstock collection of foreign silver dollars from 75 different countries, states and towns. Other things to interest collectors, are three slugs, all different, including the rare round fifty dollars of Wass McIiter & Co., 1855, and the very rare Baldwin & Company ten dollar coin of 1851 bearing the Liberty head and eagle. This coin sold for \$1550 at the Lawrence sales. There is also a set of three varieties of the cele-

brated "hog money" of Bermuda, two and six pence and shillings. Rare Maryland silver, Fugio dollar proofs of 1776, rare Mint-marked U. S. gold coins, Clark, Gruber & Company and Bechtler, private gold coins, a large offering of the rare United States pattern coins including many small cent patterns, are also listed as well as many rare colonials, bar cents, Woods Money, rare Russian gold coins, Soviet gold and half eagles dated 1795, 1806, 1814, 1820 and later, a gold Dobra of Joannes V (one of the largest of Portuguese gold) and a collection of rare old American newspapers. An original silver medal awarded for valor to "Light Horse Harry" Lee, Washington's brilliant cavalry leader, who kept Lt. Colonel Tarleton, the British leader, worried in the South, and assisted General Greene in his hard battles against

Cornwallis in that section is outstanding in the medals listed. Mr. Comstock specialized in California issues, foreign gold and silver and made an important collection over the last twenty years. He was an important bidder on these classes at the Lawrence Sale, held in New York by the writer in 1929, just before the slump came. The sale embraces nearly 1700 lots, all to be knocked down in two sessions.

Food for Thought

One of our Nebraska readers propounds this for the consideration of his numismatic colleagues:

"We have observed several paragraphs appearing periodically directing attention to the possible later scarcity of silver dollars of a particular year or mint design, owing to the melting of \$250,000,000 by the Government during the War.

"If attention has not already been directed to it, it might be appropriate for you to call attention to the difference in design of the 1878 silver dollar as between Philadelphia and San Francisco. The Philadelphia dollar has eight feathers in the tail of the eagle and the arrows are placed differently on the coin. The San Francisco dollar has seven feathers in the tail of the eagle, and appears to be of the standard design of all mints up to 1904."

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MATCH BOX LABELS

HOBBIES is the official organ of THE BLUE MOON CLUB an International organization of collectors of this hobby. M. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary, Box 732, Ticonderoga, N. Y.; Pres.—W. G. Fountaine; Vice-president—Howard J. Young; Manager Cover Division—John C. Schulz.

Club Notes and News

By M. A. RICHARDSON,
Secretary

New label is noted from U. S. A. "None Such"; colors, red and blue on white.

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Complaints are still being received stating that several B. M. members do not answer or recognize letters at all, and others who still persist in sending dirty torn labels or covers that a child would not be guilty of sending in exchange.

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Memberships are pending from Poland, Denmark, and Spain which will make nearly twenty countries in which the club is represented.

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To settle many arguments, and at the same time to answer several angles taken by collectors as to what is a match label? I list as follows—a match label is a printed label either with picture, design, or lettering only upon it, and it may say—Safety match, Sulphur match, Matches, or Strike Anywhere matches so long as it is printed on paper and then stuck to a box in which are the matches. A cardboard box on which the printing is done is not a match label but a match box cover. Quite a few of the old and rare ones come under this class. Labels upon which an advertisement alone appears are classed as advertising labels providing, of course, the word "matches," appears on them or the name of the match company making them, or the words "Matches made in - - ."

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A very old and rare label of India is "Pan," but if you do not know your labels beware of it, for there are some 15 imitations of the original, some crude and one very close to the genuine. Moral: study your labels and know them.



At the Hobby Show



Congratulations to our Dr. Radgens for winning the Blue Ribbon with his wonderful exhibit of match box labels. A great many B. M. members have asked me to publicly thank the Dr. through these pages for his valu-

able service given in behalf of the club and to the hobby it represents.

To those who saw the exhibit no words of mine are needed, for from the many letters I have received from those who did it was a wonderful collection of labels faultlessly exhibited by a perfect showman. All credit is due to him and him alone for his work in preparing the exhibit, the showing of it, and also financing the venture from his own pocket.

On exhibit from his vast collection of over 40,000 varieties were labels both obsolete, rare and priceless, labels which have taken years of search to locate, and which come from every quarter of the globe. Some made for Krueger's inspection only that he might decide on the shade of coloring and the design as shown by different backgrounds when blended by some 36 different shades used with the same general design, and then there was the label with Krueger's own initials, which probably not one of the thousands of people who viewed the exhibit even saw.

As secretary of this club I extend to you, Dr. Radgens, the thanks of our 250 members from 15 countries for the publicity your exhibit has given to our hobby.



Stolen

Covers as follows: 1c gray blue, 1c Franklins, 2c green Washington, 3c brown Washingtons on letters from 1789-1889. A few interesting items: letter addressed in 1934 to E. H. Scott Lab. which had parcel post stamp instead of regular postage. 1c Franklin 1898 with a 2c current stamp on cover.

If located, please communicate with Edw. Hopps Chimielewski, 2326 Lister Avenue, Chicago, Ill.



Seals

When the University of Texas received a collection of Stephen F. Austin's correspondence in the spring of 1934 an imprint of his personal seal was unexpectedly brought to light. Only a few of these imprints are in existence as the die of the seal has been lost since 1889. A philatelist in Pennsylvania in search of rare stamps came across these letters and donated them to the university library.

Acknowledgments

James C. Page of Nauvoo, Ill., has sent two stones for the wall of historic stones in the new Museum of Hobbies. One of these is from the famous Nauvoo Mormon Temple and the other is from the Nauvoo House at Nauvoo, Ill., a 3rd room hotel started by the Mormons in 1841, but never finished as planned.

We acknowledge and appreciate many Christmas cards from our readers. We give first prize this year for the most clever Christmas card to Judge John C. Lewie, Riverside, Illinois, an engraving of the log house at New Salem where Lincoln spent Christmas in 1832. Second to the Arcade Stamp Company, Atlanta, Georgia, Penguins watching an airplane, insert uncanceled Byrd stamp. Third prize goes to "big and little" Margaret Shotwell, antique dealers, Omaha, Nebraska, original poem. Honorable mention to John P. Schuch, Saginaw, Michigan.

Walter T. Vaughan sends us a copy of the "Inquirer and Mirror" published at Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. Those who collect newspapers will find this a very interesting one. It is the largest size newspaper we ever saw.

Five-year subscription, Miller's Indian Store, Phoenix, Arizona.

M. P. Ganey, Gillespie, Illinois, sends another group of 150 different playing cards. That makes a total of 300 that Mr. Ganey has sent us. It will make a very attractive hobby collection.

Cachets, First Flights and First Days. Cachet dedicating the Nashville, Tenn., Post Office from the Nashville Philatelic Society. Commemorating the Boston Hobby Show, from Fred O. Uhlund. Commemorating the completion of the Washington Monument, December 6, 1884, from Milton Cullen. Navy Day cachet, from J. N. Lawrence, aboard the U.S.S. Monocacy, Nanking, China.



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d36x

M. A. RICHARDSON
Box 732, Ticonderoga, New York, U. S. A.

SWAPPERS' PAGE

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I HAVE 2c 1912 fine mint Imperforate vertical coil pairs. Will exchange even face value for Buro precanceled coil pairs I need. Don't send, but state which ones and how many you can supply. A card will do.—William Knostman, E. 3812 5th Ave., Spokane, Wash. ja154

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WILL GIVE fine stamps of Luxemburg or U. S. coins for coins of Luxemburg.—Hentgen, 864 Bronx Park, So., New York, N. Y. jep

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NAVAJO INDIAN PILLOW TOPS, ladies' small setting, diamond ring, new quilt, for other collection material.—Dunlap, Flandreau, S. D. ja151

U. S. FINANCE REPORT, 1849; Report of the Comptroller of the Currency, 1870, 1871, 1879, 1882, 1883, 1894; Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, 1897, 1932; Banker's Almanac, 1876; for best offer of old coins.—W. C. Sanders, 73 Whitney Ave., New Haven, Conn. f309

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GUITAR (Cost \$32), also stamp collection. Trade for prehistoric Indian relics.—Elvin Wagner, Puxico, Mo. d151

NICELY MOUNTED MOUSE for 1/2 dollar before 1910. — Floyd Rockensock, Bemidji, Minn. ja382

WANT HAWAIIAN stamps, envelopes and revenues, on or off cover, used and unused. Will give fine stamps from large general collection. Many rarities. Even exchange, basis Scott's catalog.—H. R. Grogg, 37 W. Pike, Pontiac, Mich. f4001

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CALIFORNIA PRECANCELLED, Parks, Mothers, Commemoratives, for Precancelled Commemoratives, U. S. Revenues, Mint Commemoratives. — Dutton Efker, 509 S. Clifton, Anaheim, Calif. s12021

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COLLECTORS — We will give stamps, Precancel, covers, for movie picture film. Write and state length to—Bargain Stampco, Box 188, Brooklyn, N. Y. ja122

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BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE Stamps, 4 different values, to 10 shillings, for every 6 Bicentennial or Commemorative precancels sent me.—Archibald Sabin Parker, 236 Brackett St., Portland, Maine. mh12261

HAVE LARGE collection of stamps, coins, bills and magazines. Will trade for airmail stamps or matchbox labels. Prompt reply.—Al. Pearson, 732 Fell St., San Francisco, Calif. my6001

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BRITISH 17th-18th CENTURY coins and tokens, also Pye's book illustrating them, to exchange for U. S. coins, street car tokens, numismatic books, buttons of presidents.—F. Meyer, 1202 N. Clark, 2nd, Chicago, Ill. ja306

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PLATE NUMBERED blocks of National Parks, 1c to 10c, given for Commemorative blocks before 1930. Write — Arthur Samwick, 450 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. ja384

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WILL EXCHANGE general Precancels, your choice, for used blocks, singles of National Parks series. Also want recent Canadian, Canal Zone.—P. Konrad, 309 Lake, Oshkosh, Wis. ja152

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SWAP—50 different stamps for large U. S. or Flying Eagle pennies, Liberty head nickels or five different foreign coins. Enclose postage. — Ernie Phillips, Monrovia, Calif. d162

WILL TRADE better grade stamps for U. S. and foreign covers of any kind.—John D. Graham, M.D., Devils Lake, North Dakota. d12831

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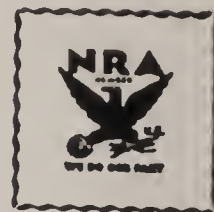
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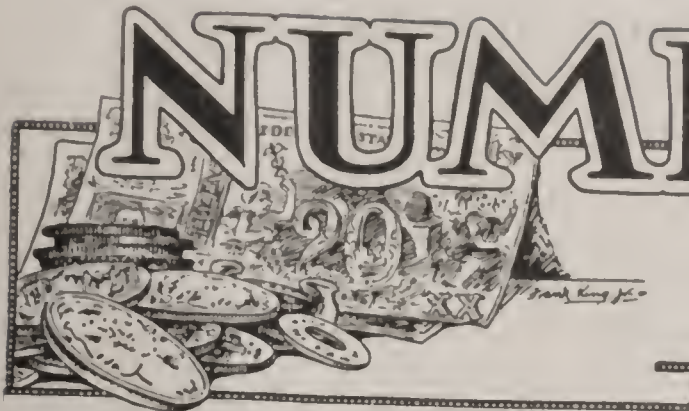
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By*

FRANK C. ROSS

I HAVE received so many letters asking for a method of removing tarnish from coins, I have decided to break my long continued refusal to give information on the subject by giving the method I use. My advice is still for inexperienced persons not to clean their coins. It is better to leave ten proof coins tarnished than to un-proof one. Dissolve a half teaspoon of sal-soda in a tea cup of hot water (not boiling); pour the solution in a deep saucer: lay a piece of aluminum in the solution and place the coin on the aluminum turning the coin frequently. Unless too badly tarnished the coin should be clean in about five minutes. Sometimes the tarnish on the rim of a coin seems to be "crusted in." I do not try to remove this as the solution would have to be so strong and the coin remain in so long that it would very likely ruin the proof condition of the rest of the coin. With the non-proof coins one can experiment more freely, making the solution stronger and time of immersion longer. I have always used a metal sheet, and although I have never tried it, I do not see why an aluminum vessel would not answer the purpose. One can be bought for very little.

Sam Jones said he was not very much interested in hearing Ingersoll lecture on the "Mistakes of Moses," but would like to hear Moses on the Mistakes of Bob. We are all more or less interested on talks about coins, but how much more interesting would be a talk by some coins on the various people they have met. The biography of a coin that has been in circulation for a hundred years would be a best seller.

Old shoes, old slippers, old pipes, old friends are the most comforting. So are the old coins. New coins in proof condition are merely adjuncts to a collection, essential but not friendly. The coins with the heart-strings are the old boys, the boys of

the early days, the veterans that have been carried by the survivors of the Revolutionary troops, the heroes of 1812, the trekkers into Mexico, the "cross the plains forty-niners," the blue and the grays of the Civil War; the coins that have seen usage, that bear marks of scars, that have the grizzled looks of the pioneer. You cannot help but revere one of these old timers, who, could he but talk, would unravel adventures that would emphasize "truth is stranger than fiction."

"I have yet to meet the man—and diligently have I sought him—who really knows, with even passable certainty, anything worth while about money. It has been the principal and the hottest incentive of the human race ever since the beginning of history. If there is one subject about which knowledge should have been attained in the literal thousands of years since its appearance, it is money. But it did not work that way."—General Hugh S. Johnson in *The Saturday Evening Post*.

It is claimed it is easier to drive a caravan of camels through the eye of one of Cleopatra's needles than for a rich man to crash the gates of Paradise. The richer the man the poorer the chance. If an "insufficient funds" ticket—the insufficiency the better—is the only passport necessary for entry into the City of Golden-paved streets, then the population of the Holy city must have increased in alarming numbers during the past five years. But it is an ill wind that blows nobody good; many of the rich nabobs that were headed for Inferno, losing their all in the depression, were detoured from the Broad Highway to the Straight and Narrow Path that leads to the New Jerusalem.

Commemorative coins, like commemorative stamps, are very much in demand by collectors, but unlike stamps there is considerable dissatis-

faction in their method of distribution. Collectors are endeavoring to have the government safe guard the buying public in future issues. All they ask is a new deal, a fair deal, square deal, and this they are entitled to.

One of the early rulers of Haiti used gourds for money. Guess the trees "on which money grows" were not prolific enough and he inflated his currency with fruits of the vine.

"You are mistaken Bill, flats and sharps are not musical terms; they apply to money. B Flat means flat broke, and A Sharp is never broke.

Never pass on counterfeit money—not even to a church collection plate. You can't fool God.—Rev. C. C. Cole.

Someone aptly said: "It is not so much the dress, as what is in it that counts." He might have added "it is not how much, but what one says that counts." And so it is with coin collections, it is not so much the big, fine, mahogany cabinet that counts, but the coins that it contains. An old stocking collection may contain some rarities, that the mahogany case would be proud to hold. Coin collectors are not judged by their containers wholly, but by what is in the containers.

Arthur Brisbane says "The American dollar is the best dollar because the American nation has the most wealth back of its money. It also has the most gold, but that is not important. Gold means no more than wampum or cowry shells." This is true in a general sense, but a rare coin has more than the government back of it, it has the world's coin collecting hobby behind it.

Numismatists are in a class by themselves. Many of our familiar axioms, condensed wisdom, do not apply to them or their doings. Just one instance: "Be not the first by whom the new is tried, nor yet the last to lay the old aside." Numismatically the advice is backwards. A numismatist wants his coins fresh from the mints, the newer the better; and he

never lays an old coin aside, the older the better.

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Coin collectors have their own "dos and don'ts" peculiarly adopted to their hobby, such as don't clean your coins, hold coins by their edges, glimpse the date on each coin that passes through your hands, coins improve with age, watch for altered mint marks, a coin is not judged by its age and beauty but by its rarity, etc.

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Commemorative coins should be issued and sold on a similar basis as commemorative stamps. Actual profiteering in commemoratives should be stopped, and the coins should be sold on the open market for the benefit of the public at a stipulated price whether in the backwoods or in the cities, and not sold in any excessive numbers to a third party to be resold at an exorbitant price. If you want a fair and new deal in commemorative coin distribution write your congressman.

While all the Coin Clubs around the Circuit agree that something should be done to remedy the present unsatisfactory method of coining the Commemoratives, they do not all agree as to the best method to adopt. One suggestion, worth careful consideration, is that each issue consist of from 50,000 to 100,000 coins, thus making each commemorative issue of equal value, and each issue should be coined only under one date. 100,000 would be enough to go around, to be readily absorbed by the buying public, and at the same time too many for any one coin person to "corner."

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A club member was asked if he had any foreign coins. "No, I stick to the American coins." Asked what he specialized in he said "early coins." In reply to the question if he was partial to any particular coin or dates he replied "I don't care what coins they are, what dates they bear, or

what condition they are in, just so they are old. I like to look at the old fellows and try to picture what they have gone through. They are the interesting boys."

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The "dollar of our dads" more than likely, in most instances, consisted of 8 half cents, 16 large pennies, 7 two cent pieces, 7 silver three cent pieces, 10 nickels and 4 dimes.

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A new coin club, the Milwaukee Numismatic Association, has recently been organized, and if its auspicious start is a criterion it will soon be known as "the Club that made Milwaukee more famous." The organizers are all highly reputable business men and it is predicted the Club will very shortly be ranked as "one of the big fellows."

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The more the marrier—bigamy.

The first "fifth wheel"—Adam's spare rib.

"A bird in the sack is worth two on the roost"—says Sambo.

As worthless as a last year bird nest—a plugged penny.

A rough coat often covers a warm heart—A tarnished coin often covers a rare date.

A credit house's slogan, "A little down on a big bill." Don't know why they should even be a little down on the big bills, especially, as the big, old style bills are bringing a premium among collectors.

Should we follow Mary Pickford's example and quit the fair banks.

Moth and the crib versus teacher and the switch. The hand that rocks the cradle may rule the world but the hand that wields the rod shapes it.

There was an old man from Gainesville, who saw a dollar rolling up hill; he picked up the coin and sent it to join the other rare coins in his till.

Abreast of the time—turkey bosoms.

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The old timers who have collected coins for more than half a century are full of reminiscences; they remember when:

Men carried a pocket full of silver dollars just to jungle them.

Trade dollars were butt-inskies instead of welcome visitors.

Rayed halves were not considered odd.

Twenty cents were regular pocket pieces.

Large three centers were nuisances on account of their dime appearance.

Half dimes were made to be lost and silver three cent pieces were ten times worse; cause of much profanity.

Two cent articles were paid for with a two cent coin.

Candy was bought with a copper cent as large as the candy purchased.

Half cents were in circulation but seldom used.

A dollar bill, especially out West, was a curiosity.

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People are thoroughly imbued with the idea that "the love of money is the root of all evil." With the excuse that "to err is human" they indulge their errancy in the love of the filthy lucre and become money complexed, confirmed in the belief that money is the "all and all." Not so with coin collectors. From an altogether different viewpoint they learn to love money, from only a hobby sense. A miser's money breeds avariciousness, a collector's set, solacement. Peace of mind is more enriching than unwarranted ambition, and a hobby is a peace finder. Maximilian, when urged to become Emperor of Mexico, demurred with "You desire that the web of my life should be wrought with gold and diamonds. But have you the power to give me peace of mind? Do riches confer in your sight? Oh let me pursue my quiet life beside the shadowing myrtle. The study of science and the muse are more pleasant to me than the blaze of gold and diamonds." Maximilian should have stuck to his hobbies. By trading his hobbies for glory he lost not only his hobbies and glory, but his life.

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Before money was born barter and trade was resorted to. Adam introduced the custom by exchanging a spare-rib for a wife. Eve, exchanged the garden of Eden for a Book of Knowledge, using an apple as a medium of exchange in her deal with Mr. Snake.

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One would be surprised to know how many people have coin collections and how interested they are in them. Mention your collection to the next person you meet and the chances are ten to one he will interrupt you with a story of his own coins.

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Collectors hesitate about forming a coin club, fearing the difficulty of securing members. The establishing of the club, the initiative step, is the hardest; after it is formed it is a mere matter of advertising, and the cheapest and most effective advertisement is conversation. If you can induce a visitor to attend a club meeting he will join of his own accord. An officer of a newly formed club went to dicker with a printer about stationery. The printer changed

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This seeking and hording of wealth is not modernistic. A thousand years before Christ wise old Solomon said: "We should criest for knowledge and understanding as we seekest for silver and hid treasures." That "the merchandise of wisdom and understanding is better than merchandise of silver and the gain of gold."

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The triplet coin clubs, Minneapolis-Omaha-Kansas City, will celebrate their first year's anniversaries this Spring. They are husky and lusty yearlings, large for their age, and growing like weeds. Their only ailment so far are the "growing pains." The West has always been coin-minded but only of late has its collectors realized the advantages and benefits of fraternizing into clubs. A collector playing a lone hand sees only his own coins, while by attending club meetinsg he has the advantage and pleasure of seeing dozens of collections, thus broadening his knowledge. Hearing papers read on the different aspects of his hobby, joining in discussions on numismatic subjects, exchanging views and information, broadens his general knowledge of the subject. The auctions, the main features of a club's meeting, gives him an opportunity to pick up coins at a reasonable price and to dispose of his own duplicates. Now that the ball is started rolling it is predicted the West will soon be dotted with Clubs.

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Believe-it-or-not Ripley says a barrel of dimes is worth more than a barrel of dollars. That a barrel four feet high and two feet in diameter filled with dimes is worth \$96,536 while filled with dollars is worth only \$84,670.

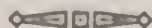
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One comforting thing about Dad's "singing in the bath," it only occurs once a week, Saturday night, and then his voice is drowned by the kid's clamor about having to follow his suit.

By THOMAS L. ELDER

IN the last issue I wrote about Henry C. Miller, the veteran collector of Anglo-Saxon and Roman coins, and a specialist in the coins of Connecticut. It was around the year 1902 when I first came in contact with this intelligent and good-natured elderly collector of coins. His fat and rotund figure suggested an amiable judge, rather than the coin collector as usually pictured. I had corresponded with him from Pittsburg and met him one day in his apartment in New York, where he showed me some duplicates which he had picked up in an English sale, for which there was at the time a market in the U. S. Lyman H. Low was at the peak of his prosperity at the time, with no competitor in New York City. Mr. Miller gave him small consignments from time to time to sell for him, and he seemed pleased with results. A little later he transferred his sale trade to me and never sold any coins through anybody else afterwards. He sold out his fine cent collection and some other items in 1916, I think it was, and we got fine results for him. Sometime prior to that he had secured a pair of proof 1796 half cents from a dealer in London for something less than fifty dollars for the two. As he collected no half cents he turned them over to me and in a sale on East 23rd Street we got \$300 for one of the half cents, which to that time seemed a world's record. In the cent sale just mentioned however the second half cent of 1796 made the great record of over \$700, going into the cabinet of a leading Detroit collector, now retired. Suffice to say no 1796 half cent either before or since had equalled this one in quality. As Miller was born in 1844, he would be, if living today, ninety years old. He was graduated from Williams College in 1867. Just prior to his death in 1920, he told his sister Miss Emma Miller to take his collection to me in case anything befell him. Miss Miller informed me that he had an excessive fondness for candy, which contributed to his end. The collection which she turned over to me after his death included great rarities in Anglo-Saxon pennies with those of Offa, Coenwulf, Burgred, Cuthred, Wulfred, Coelnoth, Siefried, St. Peter, Egbert, Aethelstan, Ethelbert, Aethelred I. Eadwig, Edgar, Harthacnute and other well known rulers.

Recollections of an Old Collector



Top prices at the sale for some of these included Offa, \$33; Coenwulf, \$26; Coelwulf, \$71; Cuthred, \$36; Egbert, \$37; Alfred the Great, with London Monogram on reverse, \$38; Edward the Elder, \$36; Edward the Martyr, \$28; Harthacnut, \$35; and another of smaller style, \$35. A rare groat of Edward I sold for \$30. The fine Elizabeth crown in this sale brought \$20. An Oxford crown of Charles I sold for \$28, a good price. The choice James II, T in half penny sold for \$24, a splendid price for this rare little piece. The Oliver Cromwell crown sold for \$18. A fine collection of Irish Gun Money of James II sold for very good prices. In the next issue prices will be given for the more important of the 900 or more lots of ancient Roman coins, as such records will be of interest to collectors of ancient coins.

Commemorative coins of the United States are among the most popular of present day coins. The Maryland, Daniel Boone and Texas coins have just been issued while others are in the offing. Collectors are glad to see this enterprise on the part of celebration committees. The more issues which come out the more the older issues are bound to be in demand, since one would have to have all to fill out a set. Strange to say the very first commemorative half dollar brings less than any issued since, unless we mention the Stone Mountain, which, due to the patriotism of southerners, went into the millions and seem a drug today. The Maryland and Texas issues show a bit of crowding of inscription and types, but the Boone issue is very pleasing.

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records being registered at recent sales for special dates of small cents. At times it would seem a little bit too much stress is put on these very modern issues to the expense of more interesting older issues, both foreign and American. There is a very interesting series of inexpensive Colonial and Continental American coins which should appeal to the young American collector, although in certain educational circles it seems a sin today to mention the word patriotic, the word "international" being preferred especially by those whose ancestors have arrived here from Europe since 1880, and of these there are many. However, be that as it may it was our American ancestors who issued most of the Continental coins, and not those who came over after 1800. Incidentally they fought too, to win our independence and give critics a country to live in. More again.

Massachusetts Numismatist

Passes

Dr. Malcolm Storer, curator of coins and medals of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Historical Society, died at his home in Boston last month. Always interested in numismatics, in addition to the curatorships mentioned he had charge of medical medals at the Boston Medical Library, and was honorary keeper of coins at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He had been both president and secretary at various times of the Boston Numismatic Society.

As a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, of which he was a former councillor, he prepared a list of 2,300 Massachusetts medals.

Dr. Storer was a member of the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society and other organizations. He was a physician of Boston for many years also.

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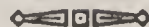
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By

M. SORENSEN

THE history of our pioneers is interesting reading. It is instructive. It tells us of the struggles and hardships of those sturdy men and women who braved the dangers of the wilderness, went out into the great unknown, blazed trails, established homes and built roads that others might follow. We are indebted beyond our means to these pioneers for reclaiming the great West for us. Read the early pioneer history of Texas, the stirring tales of California in '49; of the Mormons building a new state in the desert; read about "old Oregon."

Often must the question have presented itself to these hardy pioneers during their trials and privations: "Is it worth it?" But the answer must have been in the affirmative, for once the pioneer had set his face westward, he never turned back.

Our pioneer history is interesting reading in more than one way. That side of it which throws light on the commercial life has always appealed to me. In all cases where people went out to conquer a new country, the lack of a sufficient medium of exchange presented itself as a serious obstacle to be overcome. But our pioneers always found a way out of the difficulty and thus learned to get along with the means they had at hand. Barter flourished, and in some cases would articles, which otherwise had no value, be made to circulate as currency. Thus we read in the "Bismarck Tribune," N. D., for 1865, that gopher tails were at that time employed as money in some parts of Dakota.

Reading pioneer history has given me a great amount of useful information, which I would otherwise have missed.

Some time ago I chanced upon a splendid book in our public library, "McLoughlin and Old Oregon" by Eva Emery Dye, from which I select the following paragraphs, and which may prove interesting to numismatists.

"For eighteen months Her Majesty's warship "Modesto" lay like a policeman in the river. Five hundred men, sailors and mariners, performed their daily evolutions on the green esplanade in front of the fort. A barrel of silver dollars dealt out for

their pay was the first money seen in Oregon. Before that barter ruled in skins and wheat." (1845-46.)

"The lately silent river became noisy with commerce. From a village in the woods Portland leaped to a city, with twenty vessels waiting for cargoes at a time, and all paying in bags of gold dust, and all heading for California. Provision stores opened everywhere. Prices went up among the stars; four bushels of apples from the Willamette brought five hundred dollars in San Francisco. Tons of Oregon eggs sold for a dollar apiece on the Sacramento.

The rush from Oregon began in 1848, almost a year before the rest of the world heard of the find at Sutter's Mill. After six weeks on the Yuba the Oregonians were ready to return with their sacks full of gold dust—but how? The harbor was full of ships rotting at the wharves. As in Homer's Lotus land, every sailor that touched the golden shore straightway forgot home and friends and native land and longed ever to remain eating the golden poppy.

In February a hundred Oregonians were waiting for passage from San Francisco. Finally the captain of the old East Indian ship "Janet" accepted \$10,000 to make a flying trip to Oregon. So the Argonauts came home, bringing the Golden Fleece, bags full, pockets full of the beautiful shining dust. It was weighed like wheat or bran at \$16 an ounce in trade. Men carried gold dust in pails through the streets; women stored it away in coffee pots and pickle jars. Milk pans full of it sat on shelves. Homecomers on horseback threw sacks of it over the fence into the tall grass to lie over night or until they took a bite of supper. So great waste resulted by the continual measurements that the colonial legislature concluded to mint it into dollars, and a missionary mechanic hammered the dies out of wagon tires. Thus the Oregon colony exercised all the prerogatives of an independent power, organized government, levied taxes, coined money, raised armies and carried on war.

The issue of the Oregon gold coins was prompted by the same cause as in the other western states—lack of a convenient currency. After an unsuccessful attempt by the provisional government to establish a mint, a private company—The Oregon Exchange Co. — issued coins of \$5.00 and \$10.00 denominations. The mint was erected at Oregon City. The

coins are all dated 1849 and bear the initials of the members of the company: "K. M. T. A. W. R. C. S. O." (Kilbourn, Magruder, Taylor, Abernethy, Wilson, Rector Campbell, Smith, Ormsby.) Some of the later coins bear only these initials: "K. M. T. P. C. S." The coins also bear the legend "Native Gold," but this is hardly correct as the gold was mined in California.

Joe Meeker, the trapper, was sent as "Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary" from the Republic of Oregon to the court of the United States at Washington to plead with President Polk the case of the first American colony on the Pacific coast.

After much debating Congress admitted Oregon to territorial rights, ratified the laws and acts of the provisional government.

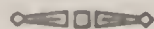
One of the first acts of the new governor of Oregon territory was to call in \$50,000 of gold coin in five and ten dollar pieces minted at Oregon City. Every coin bore the stamp of a beaver—a reminiscence of the Hudson Bay regime when the beaver skin was legal tender. When the money was melted at the U. S. mint at San Francisco every piece was found to contain ten per cent more gold than the government money."

An emigrant in '42 made the statement in '48 that the only money he saw in four years was one silver quarter.

The term "rocks" as applied to money is believed to have had its origin in Oregon, for it is recorded: "In 1844 there were but two places in Oregon that had grown beyond the customs of the frontier trading post, one was located at Vancouver (now in Washington), the other at Oregon City. George Abernethy, a merchant at the latter place, and later provisional governor, found the change question a perplexing one, and endeavored to meet the difficulty in a novel manner. The chips of flint rocks as left by the Indians in their manufacture of arrow heads were collected by Mr. Abernethy, shaped up and pieces of paper glued on them. On this was written the date, the amount due, and his signature. To those who had the good fortune to have "something coming" no doubt literally enjoyed the possession of a "pocket full of rocks."

Recently I read a little item to the effect that the naming of Portland was decided by flipping a coin. The choice was to be between Boston and Portland, and the latter won.

A Criticism and a Medal



By ROBERT P. KING

WE have heard so much about the little Westfield, New York girl, who suggested to Mr. Lincoln that he would look better with a beard, but I doubt if many of my readers have heard about the little girl who received a specially engraved medal from the President for criticizing the length of his legs? Of course, I imagine there were other factors that entered into the affair beside the criticism, but the facts remain, that she did say, "You've got the longest legs I ever saw," and,—she did get a medal!

The story I know to be authentic, as I received the information from one of the family several years ago, and the medal itself will bear witness to the essential features of the story. It was in April 1861, that Captain Ford, the father of Sarah Ford, the recipient of the medal, was censured for severe measures he used in suppressing the riots in Baltimore, and was summoned to Washington to explain the situation fully to President Lincoln, taking his little daughter, Sara, seven years old, with him.

The President asked that Sarah be admitted with her father. After hearing the Captain's story, Mr. Lincoln said he believed Captain Ford had done his duty. Presently he looked down at Sarah, dark-haired, little and gawky. She looked back at him and said:

"I wish I was a soldier; I would shoot everyone that didn't feel the same way my father did."

Lincoln answered that he wished Sarah was a soldier, he would fill his army with Sarah-soldiers. Then he took her on his lap. She peered into his face, then down at his legs, and said: "You've got the longest legs I ever saw!"

Lincoln laughed. Before she left he said, "You're a brave little girl."

This is the story as obtained by the New Orleans Item from one of Sarah Ford's sons; of course it was related to him by his mother who was a mere child of seven years when the incident occurred; there probably was more to it than this, as there is no question about the impression Sarah made on the President, as evidenced by the thought he gave at this time of National stress to the medal he had engraved for her after sending a messenger to obtain Sarah's full name, shortly after this the medal was forwarded to her. It is of silver, in form of a Maltese Cross with square center with \$20 gold piece inserted therein; on the upper section of the cross are the words, "Presented to Sarah C. Ford by Abraham Lincoln." At the bottom is the rest of the inscription, "President of the U. S. Washington, D. C. on the 24th of April 1861." The sections at right and left show a spread eagle with shield on breast. Sarah Ford, in later life, married Francis McKenna, a contractor, and lived with him at Homestead, Pa. She died in 1893. Her husband's death occurred in 1917 in New Orleans. A son, John inherited the medal; upon his death, it went to his brother, Charles, who at last accounts, had it in his possession.



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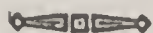
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Coin Conversation



Lincoln Badge

Washington, Pa.—“I read with much pleasure the many articles in last year's February HOBBIES about Lincoln and Lincolniana, books, autographs, pictures, badges, etc. However, I find in my collection one Lincoln relic that I do not find mentioned in any of the articles. This is a campaign badge of his first campaign consisting of a very frail pink silk ribbon, about two inches wide and six inch long on which is printed a picture of Lincoln, a rather youthful looking Lincoln with no beard, and these words ‘For President—Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, for Vice President Hannibal Hamlin of Maine? I wonder how many readers of HOBBIES who collect Lincolniana have in their collections one of these badges. The nature of the material from which these badges were made, made them very difficult of preservation unless they were given very good care, while a metal badge would be comparably indestructible.”—S. B. Bradin, Pa.

Better Dies Wanted

Taunton, Mass.—“It seems to me that commemorative coins should be made as beautiful in design and execution as possible since they are not intended for circulation but for medals of historical value. Lately some of our dies have been dull looking, and the last Texas is open to much criticism, especially the reverse. There is so much on it to crowd out the inscription into the curve of the edge to make it hard to read. It seems to me the coin designer should take a few lessons from the French, whose medals are wonderful for beauty. Perhaps, I'm fussy, but one likes to have coins and medals of beauty.

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“I have enjoyed HOBBIES very much and have received pointers as to procuring coins and medals for my collection from it.”—N. A. Cushman.

Counterfeiter Seized

Nicholas Derevitkay, former Russian Naval officer, was recently arranged in New York before a United States commissioner on a charge of counterfeiting American historical and commemorative coins and medals. Derevitkay was formerly a dental mechanic, and he used his old dental tools in counterfeiting, investigators said. When his apartment was raided a complete plant for making of counterfeit coins and medals, and also counterfeit coins and medals were found. The agents said that Derevitkay used pure silver, melting it with a blow torch and using a dental mechanic's pressure pump to get it into molds. He is said to have produced about four coins daily, and received for them \$5 each, on the average.

“What Kind of Money Today?”

The time is appropriate to recollect that Lincoln, among other accomplishments, was a good story teller.

In his youth cash was scarce and barrels of whiskey, slabs of bacon, venison, hams and other such useful articles served as money. So many kinds of wildcat money were in circulation that merchants invariably asked a customer: “What kind of money have you today?” When Lincoln was a flatboatman and later a storekeeper “shin-plasters,” “rag money” and “wildcat money” were in vogue. The “wildcat” notes were issued by western banks and derived their name from the picture of a panther upon their face.

Once on a Mississippi River boat fuel ran low and the captain ordered the pilot to steer for the first woodpile he saw on the river bank. Lincoln often told of the ensuing conversation, as follows:

“Is that your woodpile?”

“Yes.”

“Want to sell it?”

“Sure.”

“Will you accept currency?”

“Yes.”

“How will you take it?”

“Cord for cord.”

—From the Magazine of Wall Street.

State Coins

A plan whereby Illinois may mint a small coin which would be backed presumably by the state treasury for use in making the states sales tax less “offensive” to consumers and at the same time enable them to save money is under consideration by state officials, according to information made available by the *Chicago Daily News*.

The plan, which is only in the discussion stage, was submitted to Gov. Henry Horner some time ago. After listening to it he suggested that the discussion be continued and a report made back to him. It calls for “tokens” or “coins” in small units, which merchants could use to make change in charging the sales tax.

The units of the “tokens” being five mills, other values being one and three mills each. If the idea is adopted the “tokens” would most likely be made from metal, probably copper. One suggestion that the “tokens” be stamps was opposed as unfeasible.

Gov. Horner recently admitted that such a plan had been proposed but said no action had been taken. He said he was not certain that the idea would be adopted, declaring that he was opposed to any suggestion that might be interpreted as making the sales tax a levy on the consumer.

He pointed out that issuance of such “tokens” might be regarded as recognition by the state administration that the sales tax is a levy on the customer when the law states explicitly that it is a tax on gross receipts of sales of retail merchants. He said he left it to officials of the state department of finance to work it out.

Gov. Horner did not say how “tokens,” if it is decided to use them, would be handled, but he did say that they would not be stamps. He said they would probably be “small coins” which could be cashed in by the state, although there is a possibility of their being handled privately through commercial organization.

He said he sees some good in the proposal to issue “tokens” in that it would save the customer money, pointing out that at present where the price of an article is 25 cents a total of 26 cents is paid, 25 for the article and 1 cent for the sales tax, although actually the tax item should be only a half cent.

With the system of “tokens” in existence, he said, it would mean that when the customer paid the tax as an overhead item on a 25-cent purchase for instance he would receive a “token” for five mills in change, which could be used in paying the indirect tax on other purchases.



By

VERNON VARICK

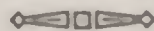
LAFAYETTE'S last visit to America, in 1824, as the guest of the Republic whose independence he had helped to establish, brought him many gifts. Among these gifts was a medal from the National Guard of New York City. A medal of the centennial of the birth of Washington was presented to the Marquis de Lafayette in 1832 by James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist, acting in behalf of the 11th New York Regiment.

This medal was of the old heroic type surmounted by an eagle in a defiant pose on top of a half visible globe bearing the legend: "America—France," beneath which in the form of a shield was a collection of banners and weapons, in the center of which were set the small medallion portraits of Washington, on the left, and Lafayette, on the right, beneath these was the regimental coat of arms of the National Guard and the legend: "Pro Patria et Gloria."

Prior to the visit of the great Frenchman, the militia-men of New York had been content to be called just that, the term militia although of Norman origin like many other military terms had been adopted during the Colonial period. Lafayette was indirectly concerned in the change of name to "National Guard" in New York, and the name in after years spread to the militia units of other states. The story is interesting and also gives some of the details of Lafayette's reception at New York.

When the cannon at Fort Lafayette broke the stillness of the morning of Sunday, August 15th, 1824, with a salute of twenty-three guns, flags were hoisted on the City Hall, and many citizens hastened to the Battery and looked down the bay towards the Narrows, where might be

A Washington-Lafayette Medal of 1832



seen the stately ship "Cadmus," gliding, with all flags flying to her anchorage off Staten Island. It was there that Lafayette went ashore and remained the guest of Vice-President Tompkins over Sunday. Early Monday morning, a mounted sergeant, followed by a bugler, dashed up Pearl Street, from the Battery, stopping at each prominent corner to sound the signal for the gathering of the militia.

For several weeks the 11th Regiment had been disturbed by a controversy over the color and cut of a contemplated new uniform. A compromise pattern was wanted. When Private Philetus H. Holt, heard the bugle-call, he put on his uniform with the exception of his coat, which was with a tailor in Franklin Square, directly in his way to Chatham Square, the place of rendezvous. So he put on his business coat, a close-fitting garment of gray cloth, with short tails, and over that his cross-belts, and started for the tailor's. On the way he met Major John D. Wilson and Captain Prosper M. Wetmore (afterward Colonel), both of whom were struck with the neat and stylish appearance of the gray coat in conjunction with the tall, bell-crowned hat and white trousers of the regular uniform, and they ordered the private to halt and parley. They concluded on the spot that the compromise uniform had been found.

By noon the whole militia force had been assembled at the battery, and, the artillery planted on the waterfront. Men who looked upon the waters of New York harbor on that bright summer day say that the upper bay, with its fortified islands and dimpled shores, flanked by the green slopes of Long Island, the graceful hills of Staten Island, and the far-off blue of the Jersey hills, had never seemed more lovely or more thronged with sail than when the Guest of America embarked at Staten Island and voyaged with almost Venetian splendor to the city. As Lafayette embarked on the "Chancellor Livingston," the land batteries of Staten Island fired a salute, to which Fort Lafayette and the "Chancellor Livingston" made response. The "Robert Fulton," dressed from her rails to her mast-head in bunting, and manned by two hundred sailors, led the squadron, followed by the "Chancellor Livingston," the "Oliver Ellsworth," the "Connecticut," the "Olive Branch," and the "Nautilus," while

the good ship "Cadmus," with the kindly assistance of two tugs, brought up in the rear. When the festive fleet, which was surrounded by every variety of small craft, was off Governors Island, the guns of Castle William began the deafening welcome, while the brigade of artillery fired a major-general's salute, and the forts of the harbor sent the echoes flying to the neighboring hills and through the city's streets with a national salute of one hundred guns. Before Lafayette passed down the line of troops drawn up in review, some of the officers of the 11th Regiment had been talking of his last campaign at the head of the National Guards of France. The suggestion was then made to name the infantry battalion of the 11th, the "National Guards" in his honor, and a few evenings afterward the name was formally adopted at the old Shakspeare Tavern, at Fulton and Nassau streets, famous as the headquarters of the militia officers and town gossips for half a century. This "National Guard" battalion later served as part of the 2nd Regiment, then became the 27th Regiment, and in 1847 it became the 7th Regiment and served in the Civil War under that name.



More Coins in Circulation



According to a recent release from the Associated Press the United States minted more coins in 1934, numerically, than in any year since 1919.

A total of 358,269,353 pieces were executed during the twelve months, the treasury reported recently, having a total value of \$25,951,750.65. In addition, \$24,280,000 coins were struck off for various Central and South American countries.

Resumption of the coinage of standard silver dollars on a large scale was noted in the department's statistics, a total of 3,534,557 of the pieces being coined amounted to 83,050,350, with a value of \$22,091,840.50, while minor coinage (nickels and pennies) amounted to 275,219,003 pieces, valued at \$3,859,910.15.

Domestic coinage of gold was abandoned during the year due to its withdrawal as a circulating medium.



The late George Eastman had many hobbies. Of his collecting hobbies it is related that he collected trick cigarette ejectors.

So What?

R. A. Wilson suggests that some fellow numismatic reader comment on this. Says he:

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SWAP — Automatic knitting machine, knits socks, new cost \$78.00; 8,000 3x5 cards, \$100 value; new auto accessories. Want Hammond typewriter and others.—J. Cherry, 406 E. Philadelphia Ave., Detroit, Mich. mh306

TRADEMARKS; Colophons or Printer's marks; "Brand" marks; Column Headings. Will swap same.—Chas. B. White, 17 Fernwood Rd., Summit, N. J. my152

STAMPS EXCHANGE WANTED with collectors, medium and small. Scott's basis.—Walter Ritt, 3, Dapontestreet 6, Vienna, Austria. f12201

EXCHANGE—U. S. Postage, Revenues, Narcotics, Airmails, Foreign and covers, for Odd Cancels, printed names and addresses on U. S. Revenues, Transfers and double prints.—H. A. Washburn, M.D., Waldron, Ind. my12291

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1,000 MIXED U. S. or foreign for each 20 Commemorative Precancels or 100 Bureau prints. Corona portable typewriter, for U. S. or Bureau print collection. Have Florida and Southern States Precancels to trade for Hawaii and Western States Precancels; also swap Bureaus for Bureaus.—Van, Box 324, Lakeland, Florida. f3001

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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By* FRANK C. ROSS

OUR present day coins are so artistically designed and handsomely medallioned they might rightfully be termed metallic cameos. Most of the commemoratives are of such excellent workmanship they could be used as jewelry ornaments. There is no comparison between them and the old coins of the 1790s. The 1799 dollar I am now looking at appears lopsided as it was unevenly stamped. The words liberty and United States of America are in large plain ornamental letters. The ribbon, bearing the motto E Pluribus Unum, which is supposed to be held in the eagle's beak, appears suspended from its neck. One end of the ribbon extends over one of the wings, while the other end seems to be tucked under the other one, giving the ribbon an unsymmetrical appearance. The eagle's tail, extending from beneath the shield, looks more like a bunch of arrows than feathers. What is supposed to be clouds mingling with the stars above the eagle's head look like blotches on the die. The large six-pointed stars surrounding Liberty head are not similar, giving them the appearance of being hand-carved. The date is in large, odd-looking figures of a very poor type, reminding one of figures scratched on a board with a nail. The bow that is supposed to keep Liberty's hair in place is detached altogether from the hair. Compared to our modern coins, the 1799 dollar seems like a piece of hand workmanship. But no one ever laughs at or belittles this old coin. It is always handled very daintily, scrutinized carefully and praised unstintingly. One seems awed in its presence. It is looked upon reverentially. Well may this be so, as it symbolizes all that is dearest to the American heart, our early history, a composite of our revolutionary heroes and heroines.

Madison, Wis., has recently organized a coin club. The sister western clubs welcome the newly formed

Madison Association into the family and predict for it a successful and influential future. This makes the fifth large club organized in the west the past twelve months. The west is making strides in a numismatic way and if the present pace keeps up, it will soon be the center of the coin collecting hobby.

Age does not alone lend value to a coin; its rarity, condition, historical value, metal and variations set its value.

The so-called Centennial silver dollar of 1876 is not a coin but a medal.

A thing talked about is a thing sold, and conversation is the best salesman. You have the coin hobby to sell; converse it. You will be surprised at the response. Just say "old coins" to some one and then listen to the questions, climaxed with "I have a few old coins at home." And amongst these "few old coins" there might possibly be a rarity, who knows. Tell him so. Arouse his interest and excite his curiosity and hopes. Offer to appraise the coins and if he agrees, give him a numismatic talk along with the appraisal. Make a collector of him.

A prominent eastern banker the other day testified before a Senate committee that nobody understands money. Understand it? It's hard enough these days even to confirm the rumor that it still exists.—*Ft. Scott Tribune.*

So many inquiries come in "what are proof coins?" It might be well to explain them for the benefit of the new coin collectors. Proof coins are struck by the mint for collectors and dealers at a small additional charge. They are hand finished from polished dies and have a reflective surface, giving them a mirror-like appearance. A proof coin is the finest condition possible and commands higher

price than a coin in uncirculated condition. They can only be secured from the mint during the year of issue.

Our coins read "In God We Trust," and P. B. P. contends that in the devaluation of our money and the uncertainty of its future it is well we have a higher power on which to hang our faith.—*K. C. Star.*

Wm. G. Harper, chief of the Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. secret service staff, assures us that silver quarters that bear no date, and so soft that the design has worn off are not counterfeits. That is encouraging news, for if the quarters without dates were counterfeits, the whole nation would be guilty of shoving the "queer." It is no special credit to the designer of the coin that he should have made the date so susceptible to friction. The complaint of not being able to find a clearly dated quarter, even with millions in circulation, is general amongst collectors.

Numismatists' theme song — Lay your coins on the table.

On October 8, 1934, the Heart of America Numismatic Association of Kansas City adopted a resolution protesting against the profiteering by a third party in the distribution of commemorative coins and called on the President of the American Numismatic Association, through that organization, to use his best efforts to have the government place safeguards protecting the buying public in all future laws.

A copy of the resolution was sent to all coin clubs in the country asking their co-operation. The result of the poll showed practically a 100 per cent poll pledging co-operation. The first of the year, in pursuance with the resolution, the whole matter was turned over to Nelson T. Thorson of Omaha, President of the American Numismatic Association, for action. Mr. Thorson, who is whole heartedly in accord, in his usually active and aggressive manner took the matter up with the Committee on Coinage, other members of House and Senate and the administration family, and

the response to his appeal is indeed encouraging and indicative of relief.

The government has been asked to sponsor one or all of the following remedial measures:

1. That commemorative coins, like commemorative postage stamps, be purchased direct from the government as well as from the privileged association for whom they were minted.

2. That the privileged association be prohibited from disposing of the entire issue of these commemoratives to a third party, leading to profiteering, a detriment to the collectors and contrary to the government's intent.

3. That the legitimate issue generally consumed by collectors be from 50,000 to 100,000 coins and that the entire design of each authorized issue of commemorative coins be distinctly different and not merely a change in dates only.

Commemorative coins are very popular and their issuance should be encouraged and increased, but they should be distributed to the general public at the intended price and not turned over to a third party for profiteering purposes. It has never been the intent of Congress that the U. S. mints be turned over to a favored few coin dealers for their enrichment at the expense of the buying public, and now that their attention has been called to the evil practice, we know they will remedy it.

Recently in Cincinnati a canceled pay check of Charles Lindbergh was offered for sale at an auction. As checks are substitutes for money, this is classed as numismatic news. Collecting canceled historical checks is becoming popular.

Numismatists value their coins, first by their scarcity and then by their condition.

Someone said, "A primrose by a river's brim, a yellow primrose was to him, and it was nothing more." A person who sees nothing but the col-

oring in a flower lacks vision. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." to a sordid man the flag is just so much bunting; to the man with vision the stars and stripes is just a panorama of Lexington to Yorktown; Sumpter to Appomattox, our boys "Over There." A coin collector has vision. To him a coin is not just a piece of money with a premium value. It visions his country's history; it mirrors its war-time activities, its peace-time pursuits, its progress and its setbacks; in all of which the coin has played its part. The coin helped make and is a part, not merely a product of history. And, too, as he gazes fondly at his coin, there arises visions of childhood innocence—and stick candy; adolescence, sweethearts—and day dreams; manhood, the altar — and the blessed event; serene old age, a silver-haired helpmate—and his coin collection.

On being shown an old coin a non-collector will invariably ask "what did they stick you for it?" and "what can you sell it for?" and the answer is always the same, "I got it in a swap and it is not for sale." In most collections there are some rare coins and the owners may well pride themselves on their possession, but they are only show pieces and not the real prize ones. The real value of a collection is not its dollar and cents inventory but it's the sentimental appraisal.

A half a loaf is better than no loaf—a coin in fair condition is better than no coin.

On page 80 of February **HOBBIES** R. A. Wilson says: "In the report of the director of the mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, it is distinctly shown that no U. S. half-cents were ever coined in the years 1832 or 1836. Could we have some numismatist's comment on this official report?"

A letter just received from the Mint under date of February 15th says: "No half-cents were issued in 1832 and \$1,990.00 worth were issued in 1836."

One numismatist's reference and check book says, under coins omitted: 1832, 1540,000 (?); 1836 (proofs only), but fails to state number issued.

Another reference book (1934) says: 1832, none coined; 1836 to 1837, 398,000.

It is these uncertainties and intricacies that add zest to the coin collecting hobby, but the general rule is, "When in doubt, take the government record for it."

The late King Albert of Belgium was a coin collector. That was one

of the accountable reasons for his being not only "a man that was every inch a king," but "a king that was every inch a man."

Numismatics, in a sense, is a religion, a coin club its meeting place. Coin collectors look upon their hobby with awe and reverence. There is no back-sliding or hypocrisy amongst the fraternity. The hobby is not taken up as a fad but as a life work, and once a collector, always a collector. There are no jealousies or bitter rivalries amongst collectors, consequently no unfriendliness amongst members. No castes or cliques. The small collector can occupy the same pew with the large one in the "Amen Corner" with no tilting of noses. Religiously they worship their hobby; fraternally they unite in a world wide lodge, the Coin Collectors Coterie; beneficially they furnish a sure cure for despondency and ennui. Should you wish to lead a clean life, enjoy fraternal intercourse with your fellow man, solve the question of idleness, make the world a better place to live in, put something into the world instead of taking it out, affiliate yourself with that great religious fraternity, the Coin Collectors Coterie.

With so many of the silver dollars gone A. W. O. L. with all disregard as to dates, it is yet uncertain which of the dates have become rarities. However, one coin authority claims that the 1903 "O" mint dollar suffered most in the remelting and that it will be a close rival of the 1804 date. It behoves every collector to change his bills into dollars and build up a set of one of each of the dates; he then can't miss it.

"The night was cold and dark and dreary, it snowed, and the wind was never weary;" the elements were at war waging their battles just outside my door; but what cared I for the wintry gale, with a few old coins, a pipe and some ale, I sat before the cheerful grate, together with my life's help-mate, and visited with my old coin friends, a visit which always tends to make me easily forget that I was ever sore beset by troubles, aches or pains.

The Daniel Boone commemorative shows that hardy frontiersman with a fine looking profile, but somehow we are disappointed it did not picture him with flowing locks from under a coonskin cap, unkempt whiskers, fringed buckskin hunting coat, a powder horn hanging from his shoulder and a musket in a ready to shoot position, the real typical pioneer of our 5-cent novel vision.

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Recollections of an Old Collector



By THOMAS ELDER

COIN collecting continues to be a favorite pursuit throughout the world. Some American collectors have dropped out, due to the inroads of the depression on their finances, and high taxes. Other important men have discontinued for certain reasons best known to themselves, while a few of the most important have recently died. Still others are incapacitated by sickness, among these being Elmer Sears and Edgar Adams, both seriously ill. The two Chapmans are now dead, both Hudson and Henry, the latter very recently. The writer attended his funeral. He was a landmark in American numismatics, among the earliest. A new group of collectors has come onto the field, mostly of moderate means, but enthusiastic. Some of these are small dealers. Coin prices have been spotty; some good, others poor, due to the unsettlement in business and the times. Business has been making as heroic efforts to recover as stiff regulations, codes and expenses will permit. The millennium has not arrived just yet.



Recent sale echoes in New York, at the sale of the Comstock gold collection include: Baldwin & Co., \$10, 1851, with liberty head, very good, \$530; Wass Moliter, \$57. 1855, fine, \$400; Augustus Humbert, slug, fine, dated 1851, very fine, \$270; Oregon Exchange Co., \$5, uncirculated, \$175; half eagles, 1795, very fine, \$43 and \$47; 1796, uncirculated \$97, 1820, square base to figure 2, uncirculated, \$115; Jugio dollar, 1776, proof, \$49; U. S. bar cent, proof, \$25. Many other prices showed an improvement over the last records, while California gold dollars, halves and quarters sold very well indeed, with some high individual prices. There were 350 of the latter in this important sale.



A novel proposition, which has recently come to light, serves to emphasize the importance of rare coins, and their tangible value to certain people at all times. A collector has come forward offering to exchange some real estate for a coin collection. He offers, first, a desirable property within commuting distance of New York City, in a desirable residence town, a house, a large lot with garden, fruit trees and out buildings, all worth \$15,000 or more. The second property, an almost new winter home in the Blue Mountains, in a popular

resort town. The latter property cost \$7,500 and has a large yard and is located near the best street in town. Both properties are all paid for and unencumbered. The owner wants to turn these over, or one of them, to anyone with a suitable coin collection. This unique proposal should not only elicit replies but should be an incentive to coin collecting as an investment, proving that coins have a definite value in either good times or bad. Anyone needing a home kindly step up!

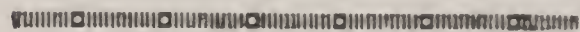


As time goes on, and it goes fast enough, the numismatic history of the older days comes more strongly into relief, and incidents connected with the hobbies of old-time collectors become more important to present-day collectors. Henry C. Miller belonged to an older school of numismatics. His birth year, 1844, places him in his beginning almost a hundred years from us. The writer sold his most interesting and important sale in four sessions on May 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1920, at 21 West 35th Street, New York.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of his collection of Anglo-Saxon and other British coins in a previous issue. This session took 519 lots in the catalog, which was one of 155 pages. The Roman collection before alluded to was the most important offered in this country and consisted of some 1,000 varied lots. It included rare gems, many of the consular denarii imperial denarii and a wide collection of Roman bronze coins of all sizes. The condition, usually fine; many important collectors from Philadelphia, Rochester and other points attended, as well as a good local contingent. The most notable of all Roman silver coins, the Eid Mar denarius, struck to commemorate the assassination of the great Caesar himself, was in this sale in very fine condition and was bought by Arthur Wyman, now of California, for \$140. There were many other fine coins of Brutus, Julius Caesar, Augustus and other notable emperors and empresses. The Tiberius gold aureus, with Livia seated on reverse, a very fine example, sold for \$25. There is not time or space in an article like this to describe the hundreds of rarities in this sale of Roman coins, but I give some of the more important records in silver, mostly denarii: Saxtus Pompey, \$7.25; Cassius, \$6.25; Marc Antony and Cleopatra with their busts, \$75; Pertinax, \$23; another, \$18; Didius Julianus, \$24;

Pescennius Niger, \$30; another one sold for \$29; Gordianus Africanus Sr., \$28; Gordianus Africanus Jr., \$29; Vandal Kings, Gunthamundus, \$16.50; Thrasamundus, same sort, \$16; Hilderic, same sort, \$16. The unusually nice heavy Bronze As sold for \$20; the Campanian Semis, bronze, for \$25; a very nice price. An early Triens of Formiae sold for \$16. In first bronzes, Neroes sold from \$12 to \$21 each; Galba, lot 1024, brought \$22.

The very fine Vitellius 1st bronze with Honor and Valor standing sold for \$36, while lot 1027, a gem coin with Peace standing, was bought by S. Hudson Chapman for \$112.50, the high-water mark in prices for Roman bronze coins at the sale. A very fine Vespasian sold for \$20; Judea Captas sold from \$15 to \$19; a coin of Nerva sold for \$18. It related to the abolition of a tax on the Jews. The Pertinax first bronze brought \$27; the Didius Julianus, \$22; the very rare Titiana bronze, struck at Alexandria and of excessive rarity, sold for \$32; Domitius Domitianus middle bronze brought \$5.25. Prices on later issues varied from 15 cents to \$5 and \$6 apiece. There was a good representation in Byzantine bronzes, which sold fairly well. The third section of the Miller collection embraced some choice American Colonials, with some few selling at high records. These prices will be mentioned in a later issue of HOBBIES. The catalog is my most ambitious production and contains many biographical notes on the ancient issues, as well as on the Anglo-Saxon and English and every emperor or empress referred to is dated, and the most important have biographical sketches appended. It is worth while to keep as a reference for dates and notes.



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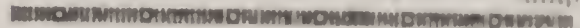
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Curious Money in Spotlight

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I am interrupting my reading of the August, 1934, issue of *HOBBIES*, which has just been forwarded from my home address in the States, in order to correct and supplement one of your statements.

In the "Spotlight of Curious Monies" section, page 78 of that issue, you mention that "back in the pre-Columbian age the Zapotecan Aztecs of Mexico used copper money shaped somewhat in the form of a crescent."

First, I wish to state the authority I believe I have to write this: I am here on a special leave of absence from Antioch College, Ohio, to make a two-year study of the archaeology of the Republic of Mexico. Also, as I have been collecting coins for some eight years, I am interested in primitive currency, which nicely ties up these two "hobbies." Three weeks ago I returned from a trip to the Zapotecan ruins in the southern part of the State of Oaxaca and the northern part of the State of Chiapas; on this trip, I walked from the lagoons of Tehuantepec to the City of Oaxaca, a distance of nearly 200 miles, through country inhabited by modern Zapotecs, far from roads and railroads. Since I was accompanied by only one other person, I was able to observe more closely these people.

Your classification as "Zapotecan Aztecs" is incorrect; the Aztecs were but one tribe who inhabited the Valley of Mexico at the time of the arrival of the Spaniards under Cortés. As they were the people with whom the Spaniards, and, consequently,

most of the historians, were most in contact, they have been given a reputation which belittles the other numerous cultures which flourished here. On the other hand, the Zapotecs were, and are, found in the strip I have mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The wonderful palaces of Mitla, examples which are probably representatives of the "flood tide" of Central American culture, the great plazas and tombs of Monte Alban, and many other notable, though less known remains, are Zapotecan. The Zapotecs are a proud race, and I passed through a smouldering revolution which has as its objective the ultimate expulsion of all Spanish and Mexican persons from the region. A few archaeologists hold the belief that the Zapotecan region was the cradle from which spread out the forerunners of the great Aztec, Toltec and Mayan cultures.

In the city of Tehuantepec, where I remained for two weeks, I acquired three different sizes of this copper money. Rather than any striking resemblance to a crescent, it appears more in the form of the Greek letter "tau," with the result that it bears the name of "Tau money." The old gentleman from whom I procured my specimens told me that one day, many years ago, he had found many of these while plowing his field; though he did not wish to tell me more, it is very probable that they were buried in a great vase, with the man who had owned them while alive, in order to pay his way in the other world. Though this type of money is very common among the remains found in this region, it also has been found farther north, among the other cultures; the reason for its appearance here might have been the result of trade. Though I have not looked it up recently, I believe one of the earlier Spanish historians—probably Sahagun—gives the value of these copper monies in real products, such as foodstuffs.

Another, and evidently more widespread, medium of exchange used by the pre-conquest races is the cacao bean, which, I was told by the natives, is still used in the more remote sections farther to the east and north of their immediate region. Thompson, the archaeologist of the Chicago Field Museum, in charge of that institution's work in Central America, mentions in one of his books that one early writer observed that, in Nicaragua, eight of these cacao beans were sufficient to win the favors of a

lady; I leave you to form your own conclusions on the intrinsic value of this currency.

The smallest of my copper monetary pieces is shaped like a hand axe, but they are too soft a metal to be used for that purpose. The edges are raised that the pieces might be handled without the danger of cut hands. I have two other pieces practically the same shape, but each slightly larger. I do not know if other sizes are found, but these exhausted the variety in the old man's collection of some few hundred examples.

Trusting I have given you a bit more light on this subject, I remain,

Frederick Luther.



In Memory of Good Old Days



Bermuda.—I have a friend who has an old English gold piece, about 19 carat, which bears these inscriptions: "In Memory of Good Old Days, 1897" on one side, and on the other, "Georgi (U or V) s III Dei Gratia." What collector can shed light on this piece?



One-Half Cent Pieces

1832 and '36



Omaha, Neb.—On page 80 of the February *HOBBIES*, Mr. R. A. Wilson asked that some numismatist comment on the report of Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, wherein it is stated that no one-half cent pieces were coined in the years 1832 or 1836.

The record appears to be erroneously stated in this report. Mint figures are available, showing that 154,000 one-half cents were coined in 1832 and I have one of these in my collection which I can trace directly to the Mint, so that I know it is not a counterfeit.

The records also show that in 1836 proofs only were coined, as was true in 1840 and 1848, or between those dates, and again in 1852. There are no mint figures available for the number coined in the years 1836, 1840 to 1848, and 1852, but I believe proof copies may be found and may be had at prices ranging between \$20.00 and \$50.00 for these dates..

M. S. H.



Young collectors should be encouraged to form complete sets of certain issues. It makes a game out of a quest and youngsters like their games. The 3-cent, dime sized is a good starter; few to get and none very rare.



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How to Start a Coin Club



IF YOU do not have a Coin Club in your city, now is the time to start one. The first thing to do is to find out those in your city and country and neighboring towns interested in the study and collection of coins, medals and paper money. It is a very interesting subject.

It can be a very cheap or very expensive hobby, as one desires. One does not have to show great rarities to make an exhibit at a coin club interesting.

The circulating media of a time or period or country makes an interesting collection. My first collection was the coins used in America before the Revolutionary War. Next I collected U. S. paper money. Now I am collecting ancient coins previous to 400 B. C.

What To Do

First, round up your prospective members. Invite them to a "get-together" meeting to see if a coin club can be formed. Tell the prospective members to bring along friends interested in any kind of collecting and an exhibit.

Here in Chicago we have one fellow who is very active in the Chicago Coin Club, who is, perhaps, the world's greatest match box collector.

Advertise "free eats." This is the main thing. This is what brings 'em. It may only be coffee and doughnuts, but it goes well at a coin club. A coin club without a dixie of coffee and a doughnut or a hunk of cake is not much of a coin club to my notion.

The Chicago Coin Club's foundation was based on "free eats" for years. And we only charged \$1.00 a year for dues. People used to say, "How can you do it at \$1.00 a year?" My answer was this, "Well, we have so many out-of-town collectors who enjoy being members because the fees are so low that we simply eat on them."

The truth was that the coffee and doughnuts used to cost us about 10c a member a meeting, and it worked out fine. We were never short of money. The meeting place was free. There was no overhead when I ran the thing. Previously, in the old Chicago Numismatic Society, the guiding stars had swell club rooms in the Masonic Temple and they had a large expense. Two or three rich men paid up the losses as they showed up, willingly and with pleasure.

But every vicinity does not have Virgil Brands or W. F. Dunhams or such rich men. To my way of think-

ing, a small, no overhead, club is the best. It's more fun.

In many vicinities where there are not enough coin collectors, the antique and historical collectors can be taken in. Even in Montreal, to this day, the big club is the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society — rich beyond words.

At the Meeting

Elect a president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary.

Select a name for the club and adopt a set of by-laws.

Have everybody bring an exhibit at every meeting. This is the most important feature and the life of a club. Make every exhibitor tell the club about their exhibit and describe it. Call on every member in the meeting to say something at every meeting. Make them tell something of interest they have seen or discovered. Make them all talk—everybody. This gets and holds interest in the club.

Then have your secretary send short minutes of your meetings and its exhibits to HOBBIES and the Numismatist magazines for publication.

There are two great numismatic organizations in America, as follows:

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Further questions will be answered by me if addressed care of HOBBIES magazine. Let me hear about your club. It will interest me.—*Alden Scott Boyer, Past President of the American Numismatic Association and the Chicago Coin Club.*



In a later number of HOBBIES we shall publish "a set of by-laws for a coin or antique club."



On the Air

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Minting Silver Dollars



Washington.—With the resumption of the minting of silver dollars this year, coin collectors, for the first time since 1928, are able to obtain complete sets of American currency from the copper cent to the silver dollar, all of current date. Because the coinage on hand before 1930 was sufficient for commerce, no silver dollars were minted for 1929-33, inclusive, no half dollars between 1930 and 1933, no quarters for 1931 or 1933, no dimes or nickels for 1932 or 1933. The coinage of cents only has continued each year since 1928.

The quarters coined in 1932 and again this year are of the Washington bi-centennial type established by Congress for twenty-five years after the bi-centennial. The other denominations are all of previous types, that of the silver dollar being the peace design of 1921.

The silver legislation enacted by the last Congress has necessitated a change in the contract on the silver notes, and thus far this year there have appeared \$1, \$5, and \$10 notes, series of 1934, with the new legend, "Dollars in silver, payable to the bearer on demand," as against the "Silver dollars" legend of the 1928 series. For a number of years no silver notes in excess of \$10 have been issued, but \$20 and \$100 silver certificates may be issued now because of the large silver bullion stock in the treasury.

For a short time last year a \$10 silver certificate, series of 1935, bearing the legend, "Dollars in Silver Coin," was in circulation around Washington, but these were quickly recalled and are now of considerable rarity.



Good Idea



At a recent meeting of the Westchester County (New York) Coin Club specimens were distributed of the Texas Commemorative half dollars to the members present. Guests had the pleasure of the company of Pompeo Coppini, the designer of that coin, as guest of the evening. He spoke at length concerning the artistry of the new coin and the history of the State of Texas, illustrating his points with a reduced size model of the original work.

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FOR

Commemorative Half Dollars

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COINAGE OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MINTS, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1934

Denomination	Philadelphia Mint Pieces	Value	San Francisco Mint Pieces	Value	Denver Mint Pieces	Value	Total Pieces	Value
SILVER								
Standard silver dollars	954,057	\$ 954,057.00	1,011,000	\$1,011,000	1,569,500	\$1,569,500	3,534,557	\$ 3,534,557.00
Half dollars — regular	6,964,000	3,482,000.00	3,652,000	1,826,000	2,361,400	1,180,700	12,977,400	6,488,700.00
Half dollars — Maryland memorial	25,015	12,507.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,015	12,507.50
Half dollars — Daniel Boone memorial	10,007	5,003.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,007	5,003.50
Half dollars — Oregon Trall memorial .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,006	3,503	7,006	3,503.00
Half dollars — Texas memorial	205,113	102,556.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	205,113	102,556.50
Quarter dollars	31,912,052	7,978,013.00	.....	.....	3,527,200	881,800	35,439,252	8,859,813.00
Dimes	24,080,000	2,408,000.00	.....	.....	6,772,000	677,200	30,852,000	3,085,200.00
Total silver	64,150,244	\$14,942,137.50	4,663,000	\$2,837,000	14,237,106	\$4,312,703	83,050,350	\$22,091,840.50
MINOR								
Five-cent nickel	20,213,003	1,010,650.15	.....	.....	7,480,000	374,000	27,693,003	1,384,650.15
One-cent bronze	219,080,000	2,190,800.00	.....	.....	28,446,000	284,460	247,526,000	2,475,260.00
Total minor	239,293,003	\$ 3,201,450.15	.....	.....	35,926,000	\$ 658,460	275,219,003	\$ 3,859,910.15
Total coinage ..	303,443,247	\$18,143,587.65	4,663,000	\$2,837,000	50,163,106	\$4,971,163	358,269,353	\$25,951,750.65

What Are Greenbacks?

By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

GREENBACKS are none other than United States Notes of which you may have a \$2 or \$5 denomination in your wallet. They are also referred to as legal tender; and, like the fractional currency notes, originated during the Civil War.

The Federal Congress authorized the issue of the greenbacks because it was hard pressed for money. In spite of new taxes and a prior loan of \$250,000,000, the government was sorely in need of several hundred million dollars. Therefore, Congress resorted to the dangerous procedure of authorizing on February 25, 1862, the issue of \$150,000,000 legal tender non-interest bearing Treasury notes, popularly called greenbacks. This issue was soon followed by a second of \$150,000,000 on July 11, 1862, and a third of like amount on

March 3, 1863. The total amounted to \$450,000,000.

The result of the issues was an inflation of prices and a stormy career for the greenbacks. Much of the opposition they received was due to the fact that they were fiat money: that is, paper currency made legal tender without having any actual value to back it except the integrity and stability of the government issuing it. The only other issue of fiat money in our country was that of the continental currency issued by the Continental Congress to help finance the American Revolution. Since many people doubted the success of the North, especially in July, 1864, when Washington was threatened by the Confederate, General Early, the value of the greenbacks fell until they were worth less than 50 cents per dollar.

(For detailed account see: John A. Muscalus, "Fractional Currency Notes," *HOBBIES*, January, 1935, pp. 78-79.)

From the suspension of specie payment in 1862 to its resumption in 1879, the government was unable to redeem its paper currency in coin. In the latter year redemption was begun in accordance with the provisions of the Resumption Act of January 14, 1875. In the meanwhile the volume of greenbacks had been reduced by several acts, and finally in 1878 an act of Congress definitely fixed their volume at \$346,681,000. It stands fixed at this amount to this day.

The issues of the greenbacks were as follows:

Old series (old-size currency)—
First Issue—1862.

Second issue—1862.

Third Issue—1863.

Fourth Issue—1869, 1874, 1875, 1878, 1880, 1907, 1917, 1923.

New Series (small-size currency—1929.

Although the volume of greenbacks is fixed, the total amount irretrievably lost or put into collections increases after each new issue or series and reduces the amount that can be issued at future times. However, it is likely that in the future they may be replaced by another currency.

Henry Chapman

Henry Chapman, one of the most widely known numismatists in the United States, a dealer since 1875, who died at his home in Philadelphia a few weeks ago at the age of seventy-five, held the record for a price paid at an auction for coins, \$7,900 for a \$5 gold piece of 1849, paid on behalf of a client in 1929 at the auction of the collection of the late Dr. George Alfred Lawrence, New York neurologist.

He was a life member of the American Numismatic Association, being the third to join after its founding in 1888, and was a member of numismatic clubs in New York, Chicago and other cities.

A Coin for Amelia

Atchinson, Kans.—In this birthplace of Amelia Earhart Putnam, a coin once owned by her maternal grandfather was rubbed as a good luck token while she winged her way from Hawaii to the United States.

The coin's owner, Al Schmitt, a state employee, said he would send it to the aviator when she completed her flight.

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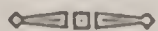
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The Warrington Medal



By RAYMOND J. WALKER

IN THE back channel of the United States Navy Yard at Philadelphia is a fleet of red ships, ships that once served their country, and which are now being preserved for use again in case of war. Among these red-leaded vessels is the destroyer "Warrington," named in honor of Lewis Warrington, the hero of the "Peacock," who was awarded a medal by Congress for heroic services during the War of 1812.

Lewis Warrington was born in Williamsburg, Va., on November 3, 1872. He was educated at the College of William and Mary, where he graduated in 1798. He entered the navy in 1800 and was an officer of the "Chesapeake" at the time of her encounter with the "Leopard."

In March, 1814, the "Peacock," of 18 guns, really mounting 22, under the command of Warrington, sailed from New York on a cruise against British shipping. She lay off the coast of Florida for some time without encountering an enemy. On the 29th of March, Warrington discovered three sails to windward under convoy of a large armed brig. The two war vessels at once headed for each other and a close and severe battle ensued. Early in the fight the rigging of the "Peacock" was so badly injured that she was compelled to fight "running at large." Her superior gunnery decided the fight in her favor for it was not possible to maneuver her as her captain would liked to have done. After an action of forty minutes her antagonist, the "Epervier," Captain Wales, struck her colors. The British brig had received forty-five round shot in her hull and twenty-two of her men were killed or wounded. The "Peacock" had but two men wounded and in a few hours had her damaged rigging repaired and was ready again for battle. The "Epervier" had \$118,000 in specie on board and was sold as a prize for \$55,000. She was considered so valuable a prize that Warrington decided to place Lieutenant John B. Nicholson aboard her with a prize crew and to have the "Peacock" escort her into Savannah. Off the Island of Amelia the ships had a narrow escape from two British frigates. Nicholson running close into shore dodged the pursuing vessels and brought the "Epervier" into Savannah on April 1st. The "Peacock" having given the frigates a merry chase, arrived at that port on the 4th of April. The victory of the "Peacock" brought Warrington the

thanks of Congress and a gold medal. The obverse of the medal bears the profile bust of Warrington facing right, showing the uniform of that period with high standing collar, epaulets, and bow tie. The gallant captain wore side whiskers. Around the outer circle of this medal is the legend: "Ludovicus Warrington Dux Navalos Amri." The reverse of the medal shows the ships in action and in the upper circle is the legend: "Pro Patria Paratus Aut Vincere Aut Mori," and the exergue below the device reads: "Peacock Nav. Amri Et Epervier Nav. Ang. Die XXIX March MDCCCXIV." The date on this medal differs from the date given in Harper's Encyclopedia of American History as the date of the battle. The encyclopedia gives the date as April 29th and the date of the arrival of Nicholson at Havana as the 1st of May. The medal, however, is correct and the dates given in the encyclopedia are in error by exactly one month.

On another cruise off the coast of Portugal soon afterward the "Peacock" captured fourteen vessels and returned to New York in October. Soon after Warrington headed the "Peacock" for the South Atlantic, where he was to meet Commodore Decatur in the "President" and Biddle in the "Hornet" off the Island of Tristan da Cunha. When Warrington arrived at the rendezvous he found that Biddle had engaged the British ship "Penguin" and was heading for home and that Decatur had been captured. Warrington having independent command, decided to seek adventure in the Indian Ocean. On June 30th, 1815, while off Anger, in the straits of Sunda, between the Islands of Sumatra and Java, he fell in with a British East Indian cruiser, the "Nautilus," fourteen guns, commanded by Lieutenant Charles Boyce. The ships exchanged broadsides. The "Peacock" lost no men but the British vessel lost six men killed and had eight men wounded, and soon struck her colors. This event occurred a few days after the period set by the treaty of peace for the cessation of hostilities. Warrington had no knowledge of the treaty, but being informed the following day of its ratification, he gave up the "Nautilus" and did all that was in his power to alleviate the sufferings of her wounded men. He then sailed for home bearing the distinction of having fired the last shot in the second war for independence. Warrington died in Washington, D. C., on October 12, 1851.

Canada's New Commemorative

By H. L. SMITH

Canada's first silver dollar will be ready for circulation on May 26th next, this silver dollar commemorates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession of King George.

Details of the "George" dollar were made public at the mint on February 7th through the courtesy of the Finance Minister. It will bear on the obverse a crowned effigy of His Majesty, head and bust, with the inscription "Georgius V Rex Imperator Anno Regni XXV."

On the reverse the design is a canoe laden with pelts, paddled by an Indian and a "voyageur" passing a rocky islet on which are two jack-pines. The word "Canada" is set above with northern lights, and below, the word "dollar" appears with the year "1935."

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A Different Kind of Coinage

The *United Press* recently carried a story from Fort Worth, Texas, that told of a different kind of coinage—some new slants on word meaning by first-year students at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

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A weary freshman penned this one: "I was so tired I went to my room and there sank in the arms of metamorphosis."

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GOLD, PLATINUM, SILVER, WANT- ed. Look over your old jewelry, dental work, optical frames, cases, sterling silver, etc. You may have discarded something of value. Ship me what you have via parcel post, registered, pack securely and address plainly, together with information as to what you would be interested in for exchange. I will test and weigh your articles, notify you as to their value, and what I would give in trade. In the event of no trade you are to send return postage.—C. H. Howard, Jeweler, Westfield, N. J. (Treasury License N. Y. 12-984.)

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SEND ME ANYTHING you don't want. I will exchange it for something you do want. Collections, U. S. current, job lots, precancel collections, Bureau prints, airmail covers, or what have you? I want stamps only. Very little that I can not supply and I assure you of a fair deal. Write—W. P. Betts, Elsie, Mich. mh3201

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BOTTLES, Glassware, China antiques wanted for rare cactus and succulents from all over the world, also have some purple desert bottles to swap—what have you?—McCabe Cactus Farm, Rt. 3, San Diego, Calif. ap12402

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SWAP—100 mixed or 50 all different for any five National Park stamps.—Ernie Phillips, 702 Oakpark Lane, Monrovia, Calif. mh1

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SWAP — Automatic knitting machine, knits socks, new cost \$78.00; 8,000 3x5 cards, \$100 value; new auto accessories. Want Hammond typewriter and offers.—J. Cherry, 406 E. Philadelphia Ave., Detroit, Mich. mh306

TRADEMARKS; Colophons or Printer's marks; "Brand" marks; Column Headings. Will swap same.—Chas. B. White, 17 Fernwood Rd., Summit, N. J. my152

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EXCHANGE—U. S. Postage, Revenues, Narcotics, Airmails, Foreign and covers, for Odd Cancels, printed names and addresses on U. S. Revenues, Transfers and double prints.—H. A. Washburn, M.D., Waldron, Ind. my12291

WANTED — Stamps and tuberculosis seals. Will exchange used magazines and books. Name magazines wanted.—State Street Magazine Store, 1620 W. State St., Milwaukee, Wis. my305

SWAP — California gold tokens: \$¼, \$½ and \$1.00 sizes for stamps; coins for stamps or stamps for coins.—Zimm Stamp & Coin Co., Box 1484, Salt Lake, Utah. my53

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TO TRADE—One double muzzle loading gun very old, one fine single 410, to trade for Currier & Ives prints.—John Traver, Butler, Mo. mh152

SWAP — Your family coat-of-arms in colors for any genuine gems, luminous mineral, pitchblende uranium, jewelry, watches, microscopes, or what? Half million family arms on file of all nationalities.—International Heraldic Library, 3 Walnut St., Rochester, N. Y. my347

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WANT FLAMMARION'S "Haunted Houses," sex books. Have old coins.—Wm. P. Schramm, Balaton, Minn. my304

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MALLARDS, WILD GEESSE, gladioli, dahlia bulbs, perennial plants, for copper lusterware, polished and gem stones, gem points, cameos, rocks for pillars.—Dawson, Franksville, Wis. je12051

INDIAN STATES Stamps given for your current mints.—Beerindra Kumar & Co., Saharanpur, U. P. (India). my36

BEER LABEL COLLECTORS. I have a large stock of 3.2 beer labels to exchange. Some of the hard-to-get ones are still on hand. If you don't collect beer labels, why not start now? Information free. — Schlader, 208 N. Central, Chicago, Ill. mh348

EXCHANGE FOR EQUAL FACE, good mint, 10c Lindbergh airmail or ½c Bicentennials for commemoratives, imperforates, or what have you.—Styer, 1118 Hampden, Reading, Penna.

WANTED — Old bottles, glass and chinaware, Currier prints, etc., for U. S. and foreign stamps.—H. A. Washburn, M.D., Waldron, Ind. au12411

U. S. STAMPS WANTED—Collections, accumulations, odd lots (pre-1926 postage, pre-1890 covers). Fine U. S. In exchange, or what do you want?—Vernon Baker, Elyria, Ohio. my1248

WANT ANYTHING in the art line. books, photos. Will give an extra good swap for same if in good condition. State full details in first letter. I have coin machines, typewriter, books, etc. State wants.—Neal Cumby, Tallapoosa, Georgia. mh105

THIRTY INDIAN HEAD CENTS for silver dollar.—Arthur O. Bredeson, Thief River Falls, Minn. ap352

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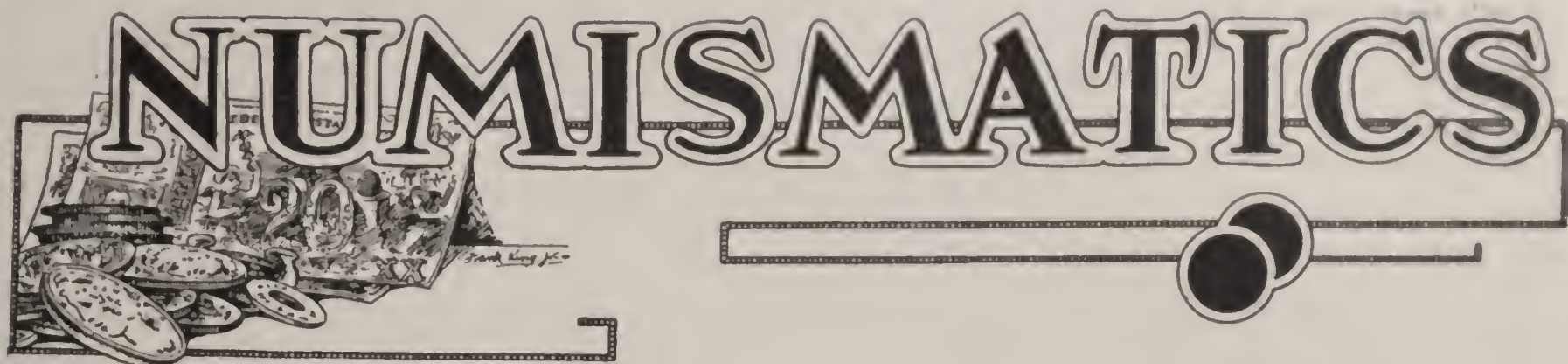
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By*

FRANK C. ROSS

AS Mr. Boyer said, in the last issue, "a few collectors gather together for a social good time" and a club follows as a natural result. An enthusiastic Kansas City young man rounded up six other collectors, invited them to his home for an evening's good time. Before the party broke up committees had been appointed to select a name, and draw up by-laws.

It is a good idea, if possible, to have the local paper announce the forming of the Club, giving the names of the organizers. Inquiries will then follow from coin minded people. Do not make the mistake of insisting that a prospect join your club. Invite him to visit one of the meetings. When he gets in touch with a bunch of brother collectors, sees more different coins in one evening than he had seen in a lifetime, hears papers read and numismatic topics discussed, reads the latest coin magazines, and as Mr. Boyer said, eats a sandwich and smokes a cigar on the house, an invitation to join is not necessary. All that for a dollar a year? You get more than your dollars worth in one evening. A few years ago coin clubs were the unusual, now they are the usual thing; they were novelties, now they are necessities. It used to be every man for himself, each playing a lone hand; now the hobby is regimented. A club is a clearing house for the exchange of news and views, for the swapping of duplicates and for securing or selling coins at auction. It is a useful and advantageous regimentation. By all means start a club in your town.

Coinie inquires: "Where do nudists stick their pin money and carry their pocket change?"

The movement of the coin clubs and coin collectors to secure from Congress in future, laws safeguarding against profiteering in commemorative coins is securing added impetus,

and it is a safe guess collectors will secure a new deal and a square deal in the distribution of all future issues of their favorite coin. We want more commemoratives, all they will give us, but we want them at the originally intended price and not at an exorbitant price set by one specially favored dealer. If you have not already done so, write your congressman and senators and tell them so.

Hitting a home run with bases filled is like finding a pocket book full of old coins.

Still another. As this is written, coin collectors of Des Moines, Iowa are expecting the stock to leave a "baby coin club" at their door in the near future. This will make the sixth major club in a year for the West. The Des Moines boys are a lively, energetic bunch and it is predicted that their club will soon catch up with their sister clubs. Western numismatists are setting the pace and are rapidly moving the center of the numismatic map farther West. This is not surprising. The Western members are all full of pep, attend the meetings and keep the ball rolling. The regular attendance of the Western clubs last year was over seventy-five per cent,—a good record.

Some one suggested naming the 1934 dollar "Permanent Wave." It is a good one. Get out your 1934 dollar and take a look at the rays sticking out (or sticking into) the hair of Miss Liberty. You have all seen ladies in a beauty parlor with their hair done up in little kinks while getting a permanent wave. You will note the resemblance at once. And another thing about the "Permanent Wave" dollar. Miss Liberty is shown as a placid faced girl yet in her teens, quite a contrast to the familiar stern visaged, middle aged woman of former days. The rays on the other side of the coin look more like bay-

onets than sun-rays, and gives the eagle the appearance of reviewing a parade of passing soldiers.

The question "why do we hear so much more about Lincoln than Washington nowadays?" was answered by B. C. Forbes "it may be because George Washington was greatly respected and Abraham Lincoln greatly loved." The question is often asked "why do collectors prefer silver coins to gold pieces?" Gold is looked upon as the measuring stick for monetary systems the world over and silver of secondary importance. We might answer the question by paraphrasing Forbes, "gold is respected and silver loved."

A Farthing—A thing far off (considering the present status of the farthing this truthful jest is not far off).

A well spent life—a badly worn coin.

The Golden Rule—turn in your gold.

Rocked in the cradle of the deep—baby fishes.

If two heads are better than one—why not make both sides of our coins heads.

America's most famous coin collectors—Rockefeller, Mellon and Morgan.

Bird of a feather flock together, so do geese and swine;

Collectors of coin should hasten to join a club and fall in line.

The tuition at the School of Experience comes rather high but is cheap at the price. Lessons learned by rote are soon forgotten but experienced information is long remembered. There are but few teachers in the Numismatic College and one has to learn the do's and don'ts of the hobby by costly experience. A burned child fears the fire and a singed collector burns his fingers but once on the same hot lid. Only by sad experience does he learn of counterfeited money, tinkered coins and altered dates. Only after swapping good money for bad will he remember the "queer." He will learn and remember his letters only after he finds his

He will never twice pay a big price for a coin because it bears an eagle without a tail, an 1853 rayless half or one bearing a date of which the records show "none issued," to find afterwards they are the artistic work of a professional alterater. It is a misnomer to say that only fools learn by experience. There is an unwritten, but a compulsory law, that all must attend the School of Experience.

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In Colonial times if a girl was indebted to a boy it was his privilege to exact a kiss in payment; this kiss was called a Yankee dime. It has never been reported that a debtor ever slammed the door in the collector's face. On the other hand, the creditor was received with open arms. Miss Columbia's debts are piling up so rapidly that some fear she will eventually liquidate them in Yankee dimes.

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"Oh, if I must be good, then give me money, I pray thee, give me some, and you shall find I'll buy up every tear, and make them scarcer than diamonds."—*Thomas Lovell Beddoes.*

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"Better a small bush" say the Scotch "than no shelter." Don't be ashamed of your small coin collection, it is better than none at all.

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Samuel Johnson said "I have found wisdom here and would fain proclaim it abroad." If you find surcease from worries and find comforting contentment from your coin hobby proclaim it abroad that others may profit from your experience.

"Away down South in Georgia" means something to numismatists for it is the home of the Atlanta Coin Club, one of the most popular and enterprising organizations of its kind in the country. Its members are all "jolly good fellows" and much esteemed by the fraternity.

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If you can stand by and watch some one mishandle two fine conditioned coins, jingling them together and aiding Old Man Friction in his nefarious work, without screeching, then you have the patience of Job, my boy, the patience of Job. If controlling one's temper is greater than taking a City, then you have Napoleon distanced a mile.

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Our motto, E Pluribus Unum, one composed of many, as far as F.D.R. and congress is concerned seems to be Unum Pluribus E, many composed of one.

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Money motivates the world. It transformed the cave man to the merchant; its quest built ancient nations; its search was the source of early explorations; the lust for gold colonized the Americas and lighted darkest Africa. It is the foundation upon which civilization rests. Without it as a measuring stick all trade would cease and mankind revert to barbarism. We jingle it in our pockets and place it in our bill folds with no thought of its dominance in our well being. Oh money, how many crimes have been committed in thy name, yet, withal, how many blessings hast

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Old Man Friction is the scourge of the coinage world, the money children's bogie man. From the moment a coin is born it begins a fight against this inexorable foe. At birth a coin is given an identification mark, a date, and its sole purpose in life is to retain its birth certificate. But it wars against great odds, a hopeless fight from the start. Its best friend, man, is unconsciously its worst enemy, helping and abetting Old Man Friction in his fight for the coins annihilation. Every time a coin is placed in a pocket or passed over the counter, Friction is aided just that much. The only hope for a coin to escape annihilation through friction is to become an inmate of a money sanctuary, a coin collector's till.

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A stitch in time—turning back the clock.

A counterfeit—show case.

Where we go from here—there.

Shot at sunrise—all night carouser.

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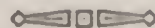
A stag party—"two buck" limit.

A mere scrap of paper—counterfeit bill.

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Old Man Friction is the Bad Man, the scourge of the coinage people. He is omnipresent; there is no escaping him. He is a metal-urgian, feeding on the choice bits of coinage. His special favorite being the dates. Its date is a coin's most vital organ, its identification tag. With its date gone it becomes an outcast, a pariah, recognized neither by man or money. It is a continuous flight for a coin from the mint to old age to preserve its date against the greedy appetite of the fell destroyer, Friction, with odds greatly in favor of the latter. In his appeal for safer driving Eddie Cantor quoted "We love our children." Our appeal to the public to safeguard our money against Friction is "We love our coins." We should help our little loved ones in their fight; handle them carefully; do not crowd them all in one pocket and then jingle them to feel them click. Lay them down softly, do not throw them on the counter. Do not clean them with strong soap and a coarse cloth. Thank you.

Here and There in Coin Collecting



THE Westchester County Coin Club, New York, went on record recently condemning sensational or misleading advertising that has for its sole purpose the sale of premium coin catalogs.

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What appears to be an Indian peace medal, dated 1793, was unearthed by a highway crew near Tupelo, Miss., writes Harry T. Payne of Aberdeen, Miss. The plaque is in possession of J. T. Rose of Tupelo, who saw a road machine unearth it at a point believed to be on the old Natchez Trace. The piece is oval in shape, with a picture of George Washington handing the peace pipe to an Indian. Beneath the picture is the wording: "George Washington, President, 1793." On the reverse is the seal of the United States with the coat of arms and thirteen stars. There is a small L stamped on the bottom, which is believed to be the mark of a silversmith. The piece measures 5¾ inches by 4¼.

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A collection of foreign coins was stolen from the office of Harry R. Dubbs, Allentown, Pa.

The young collector in his zealously should not buy every coin offered him and at the offered price. It is sending good money after bad money. Make sure the coins are in good condition and of premiumed dates. Consult your price book and see that you are not overcharged. Otherwise you are likely to find yourself in the same position as the little boy who spent all his money on the merry-go-round. When he had finished riding his old mammy remarked, "You have gone round and round but where did you go?"

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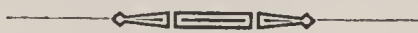
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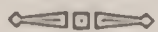
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National Bank Notes and Other Currency Issues of the Civil War Period



By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

THIS account summarizes and completes a number of articles dealing with the currencies that originated during the period of the Civil War. Since greenbacks¹ and fractional paper currency have already been given detailed account, the chief emphasis here will be on the national bank notes and mention will be made of the metallic currency issues of the period.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Federal government had obtained a large loan and levied new taxes. However, before the revenues from the new tax levies were received, the government was sorely in need of money and Congress authorized the issue of greenbacks by the Act of February 25, 1862. Soon this issue was followed by two more of \$150,000,000 each by the Acts of July 11, 1862, and March 3, 1863.

The greenback issues tremendously accelerated the exportation and hoarding of silver and minor coins that had been started by the adoption of the decimal system of coinage by Canada in 1858 and the suspension of specie payments in the United States in 1862. As a result of the disappearance of the coins, a scarcity of small change occurred which was partly counteracted by private issues of thousands of tokens of one cent. The issues of the Civil War Tokens was soon checked by the issue of fractional paper currency, in 1863. To further relieve the stringency, in 1864, a bronze two cents was issued; in 1865, a nickel three cents; and in 1866, a nickel five cents. The nickel three cents must not be confused with the silver three cents that first appeared in 1851; nor must the nickel five cents be confused with the silver half dime that first appeared in 1794.

In the meantime, in 1863, the Federal government was already in debt about a billion dollars and was severely handicapped by its inability to sell its bonds. Fortunately Secretary Chase produced a scheme for selling the bonds through the creation of a national banking system. This scheme was enacted by Congress on February 25, 1863, exactly one year after the first act that authorized the first issue of greenbacks. The National Bank Act provided five or more per-

sons with a capital of \$100,000 in cities of over 10,000 people, or a capital of \$50,000 in smaller cities, might organize a bank. Furthermore, one-third or more of their capital must be used to buy United States bonds. From the Comptroller of the Currency (the person who supervises the national banks) the banks received notes equal to 90% of the market value of the bonds deposited with him. In this way the bankers received interest on the bonds and also on the notes they loaned.

This national currency, of which there may be a current \$5 or \$10 denomination in your wallet, was acceptable for all public dues except customs duties; but it was not made a legal tender. The currency situation was further aided by the im-

position of a ten per cent tax on state bank notes which were thus driven from circulation. The chief objections to them were that they were usually not based on specie and were so abundantly counterfeited.

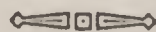
Among other provisions, the Gold Standard Act of 1900 provided that the banks receive up to the full value of the bonds and that the \$50,000 capital requirements be lowered to \$25,000. By the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, all national banks became members of the Federal Reserve Bank System.

On January 31, 1935, there was some \$6,300,000,000 of paper currency outstanding and of this amount some \$883,000,000 are national bank notes. Of the latter amount there are 340,749 one dollar notes, and 81,210 two dollar notes. If the present plans of the Treasury are carried out, the National bank notes will be retired within a few months.

¹For detailed account see: John A. Muscalus. "What Are Greenbacks?" Hobbies (March, 1935), page 78.

²See: John A. Muscalus. "Fractional Currency Notes." Hobbies (January, 1935), pages 78-79.

A. N. A. Should Restrict Its Membership



THE different controversies raging in the American Numismatic Association have naturally reached a more or less public discussion among those in the hobby. The last convention, according to all reports, was more of a cat and dog fight than anything else. If the Association expects to maintain its standard, the best thing it can do is to put a stop to the whole idea of increasing the membership by general solicitation. Many are asking why it is necessary to take every Tom, Dick and Harry into an organization that, by its very nature, ought to be exclusive. At one time the conventions of the Association were carried on in a very dignified manner. The Association was so conducted that it drew to its standard the highest class of men. If deterioration has set in, which is openly charged, it is because the bars have been let down and membership solicited from anyone who had the price to join. One of the leading clubs not only inflicted that element upon its membership but actually elected one of them to office! While holding office he was discharged by the Federal government, where he was employed in a minor capacity, for cadging in connection with his

employment. At the same time the coin club found him cadging their own supplies and property. It was a fortunate thing that the club still had enough old-time, substantial men to suspend him from office. It is that element getting in that causes all the complaints about numerous ones getting coins by giving an A. N. A. number and then letting the seller sweat for his pay.

Also, people who are out of work often have nothing to do but get a little too active in clubs and associations. Some of that was demonstrated at Cleveland. These people only cause a lot of unnecessary contention when they start taking themselves seriously. There is no necessity to have district go-getters and high-pressure committees running around begging someone to join the association if the association keeps itself on a plane that attracts the best class of collectors. The real men in coin collecting ought to take hold of the reins again before the association goes the other way. It is a certainty that the class of men who will make the association desirable are not going to sit around the club with a lot of cadgers and blackguards.

Recollections of An Old Collector



By THOMAS L. ELDER

Date Collecting

WILL collectors never get their eyes off dates and die-breaks? Many collect the U. S. Minor coins. These are interesting, but why not make a set and let it go at that and proceed to much more edifying ancient and foreign coins, or even American Colonial coins, coins all of them with most interesting histories behind them? There is no intellectual profit to be gained by a date collector. He can collect dates of a regular series all his lifetime and learn nothing but history or the times when his coins were struck. But you can't collect Greek or Roman, or foreign coins without learning things about peace, war, mythology, national customs, laws, art and history. These are fully set forth on coins. Modern foreign silver is advancing rapidly in price. It is believed common dollars will sell for a dollar an ounce. Yet fine silver coins go begging at auction for bidders. Even as a speculation they are far better than mere date and die coins, and today when there is doubt around about our business future, it is well to get your affairs in order and to seek the tangibles in values. No better investment could be found in any times than coins. They will always have a value and in even inflationary periods will advance to meet the inflation. Add ancient gold, silver and bronze coins to your lines, also mediaeval and modern foreign silver coins. They will enrich your store

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Some Roman, Silver and Bronze Coins Still Cheap

A goodly number of Roman Emperors before 325 A. D. are represented by fine silver coins of extra, or double size, which may be had today for very moderate cost. The double denarii or antoniani of men like Gordian III, Philip I, Trajan Decius and the like are to be had for fifty cents. Many fine denarii of men like Caracalla, Septimius Severus, Alexander, Gallienus, Postumus, Aurelian and so on come quite fine for fifty cents apiece. There are many interesting reverses with animals, gods, goddesses, emperors, captives, etc. The copper coins are still cheaper. We note Constantius Gallus on a small middle bronze coin in fine state, can be had for forty cents, while Constantine comes for 25 to 35 cents for a nice example. Later rulers after Constantius Gallus, in silver, cost more, from 75c to \$1.50 each according to condition, and so down to the end of the Empire. The Bactrian coppers are cheap, a very good one comes for fifty cents, a fine Parthian drachm for fifty to seventy-five cents; a tetradrachm for some \$2 to \$3; a very fine Sassanian Drachm of about 593 AD in silver costs 75 cents to a dollar. Late Egyptian potin silver tetradrachms cost from 50 cents to \$1.50 apiece. There are many nice ancient coins to be had for fifty cents apiece. Some noted rulers of Rome come in silver at from \$1.50 to \$2.50, men like Marc Antony, Julius Caesar and Brutus.

Among the very cheap Ancient Greek small silver is the Byzantium tetrobol, the Achean League, Sicyon and other small coins, to be had from 50c to a dollar apiece. Alexander the Great has a big coinage in silver. His small silver is beautiful and costs a dollar or a little over for a very good example of the drachm. Larger silver costs from \$2.25 to \$4 each, depending on rarity and condition.

Modern and Mediaeval Silver

A large field is open to collectors of these classes. There is a long line of deniers and pence from Europe and England for sale, from about 900 A. D. at from 35c to \$1.50 and \$2 a coin for very nice examples. The older German and Austrian silver, in sizes under half crown come for moderate cost. Those who wish a coin

with an old date can get one before 1650 from Germany for about fifty cents. Some of the moderate priced Anglo-Saxon silver come as low as \$1.25 to \$1.50 a coin. These bear the heads of the rulers.

Dealers Pestered with Common Coins and Inquiries

Some sellers of coin books have made hard work for the average dealer. In some coin shops the telephone rings every few minutes, due to enterprising radio broadcaster firms. The most bothersome coins are the 1913.

Liberty head nickel, the Columbia Half Dollar and the 1894 S. Mint Dime. Dealers who emphasize these three coins should pay the other dealers a fee for answering telephone calls about them. Hours, days and weeks of time are wasted answering silly inquiries about worthless coins. Coin men aren't afflicted with excess wealth as a rule, and should be protected from the public who try to use them until the cows come home.



Roman Denarius



The Roman denarius is a coin of great interest. It is of silver, or base silver and of about the size of a United States dime. The earliest denarii are those of the Republic and covered a period of some 200 years before the time of the first Emperor Augustus, extending to approximately 27 B. C. The devices are legion. The Republican types are many of them the work of Greek artists and very artistic, with beautiful female heads, gods, bigas, quadrigas, camels, dogs, elephants and other animals. The best part of it is one may obtain the less rare examples in fine condition for a dollar or in some cases for less. No large lots seem to have come to the United States in recent years and there is believed to be a good demand for fine Roman denarii in Europe. The imperial heads are most interesting and can be considered faithful portraits of the Emperors and empresses depicted. Greek artists are said to have been employed by the earlier Emperors. The really beautiful portraits included rulers such as Julius Caesar, Augustus, Caligula, Claudius I, Titus, Vespasian, Hadrian, Trajan, Lucius Verus, Antoninus the Pius, Faustina I and II, Crispina, Sabina and Julia Mamea. Even the later rulers like Alexander Severus, Gordian III, Philip I, Aurelian, Balbinus and that class are interesting, the workmanship remaining still good until about 300 A.D., when it deteriorated badly, continuing its inferiority until the end of the Republic. Many reverses shown on Roman coins are historical, showing the victories, cele-

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brating the founding of Rome by a most interesting series of silver and bronze coins. These are obtainable today some of them for moderate prices. The late rulers showed the brutality of the age by depicting the Emperor standing with his foot on the head of a fallen enemy, or with his horse riding down an enemy, or with a prisoner tied and kneeling. It was customary when an Emperor or opposing tyrant was captured that he be shackled and haltered and forced

to walk a prisoner behind the chariot of the victorious ruler, the object of public degradation and ignominy.

The ability of Romans to feast continuously for three and four days is explained. Reclining easily they would gorge themselves, then retire to an ante room where they proceeded to take an emetic, which relieved them of the food. After a short period of rest they would again proceed to the dining table to engage in another food marathon.

Coin Conversation

Coin Description of 1860

West Cumington, Mass.

Under "Numismatic Thoughts" I find the question raised if there were any U. S. half cents coined for the years 1832 and 1836.

I find in "A Description of Ancient and Modern Coins in the Cabinet Collection of the Mint of the U. S.," written by James R. Snowden (director of the U. S. Mint), Philadelphia, 1860, page 128, "A statement exhibiting the number of pieces coined at the Mint of the U. S. from the commencement of its operation to December 31, 1859, including Pattern Pieces."

Under 1832 this chart shows "5 Patterns"; under 1836 "398000."

Earle T. Goodnow.

Mrs. Ross Says

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the U. S. Mint, says:

"None of the reports in this bureau indicate that a one-half cent piece was executed in 1832. The engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, who assisted us by looking further into the records of that institution, states that any one-half cent pieces which might have been struck in the year 1832 were undoubtedly proof coins and struck by special order and in very limited numbers and that no record was kept of the number of such pieces."

John O. Bowman, president of the Chautauqua Coin, Stamp and Curio Club, Jamestown, N. Y., has sent us a copy of the printed booklet-form program. It is unique in that it covers every meeting night during the year.

Only four coins in the 364 lots in the Waldo Newcomer collection, disposed of by Walter S. Scott, auctioneer for the J. C. Morgenthau & Co.,

recently were from a country outside of South or Central America, and one of these a \$20 gold coin issued in British Columbia in 1862 sold for \$875. The \$10 issue of the same year brought \$310.

For the South American issues, the highest price bid was \$750 for the 6,400-reis gold coin of Brazil, 1822, bearing the laureated bust of Emperor Peter I. For some reason the Emperor did not like the design and ordered the issue destroyed, and it is said that only four specimens now are known.

Two Brazilian rarities, 6 and 3 guilders, issued in 1646 under Dutch rule, brought \$385 and \$280, respectively. Some of the curious gold bar coins of Brazilian states elicited lively bidding. One of 1805, weighing a little more than four ounces, sold for \$525; one of 1812, weighing less than an ounce, sold for \$270, and another, weighing almost two ounces, of 1809, brought \$210.

An uncirculated gold onze of Bolivia, 1868, sold for \$490 and a proclamation peso, 1811, went for \$115. A four-scudo gold piece of Bolivia, 1841, in mint condition, sold for \$175 and the four-scudo issue of 1834 brought \$130. An eight-scudo gold coin of Argentina, 1838, sold for \$155.

A gold doblon of Uruguay issued in 1870, bearing the national arms

as the chief design and said to be the only specimen of that date in existence, sold for \$860.

Treasury Notes of 1890

By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

THE Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890 was largely the result of dissatisfaction with the Bland Allison Act of 1878 by which the government bought \$2,000,000 worth of silver every month. However, its passage could only be brought about by a dicker between the silverites and tariff men.

The Sherman Act provided that the government buy 4,500,000 ounces of silver every month at the market price and that Treasury notes, redeemable in gold or silver, be issued on the basis of the silver bullion. The purchases continued until in 1893 a severe panic spread over the country. In the meanwhile the silver continued to decline in value and, due to the heavy withdrawals on the \$100,000,000 gold reserve used to back the United States notes and Treasury notes, had less and less gold to bolster it.

In an attempt to check the drain on the gold reserve and to put a stop to the increasing piles of depreciating silver in the vaults, President Cleveland demanded a repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act. Although his request was severely opposed by silverites like William J. Bryan, he had his way and the repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act was signed by Cleveland on November 1, 1893.

On the basis of the silver purchased during the years the act was in force, the Treasury had issued \$155,931,002 in Treasury notes. These notes including the reissues were in general circulation until 1900. In that year the Gold Standard Act was passed on March 14, which provided among other things that Treasury notes of 1890 be gradually retired upon replacement by silver dollars and later silver certificates.

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EXCHANGE—WORLD WAR COVERS (A.E.F. only); will give two for every one I can use.—Safarid, 7147 Manse, Forest Hills, Long Island, N. Y. ap184

WILL GIVE GOOD exchange for covers, precancelled, foreign, cheap U.S., etc. Send anything you don't need, satisfaction guaranteed.—P. McKinney, Elsie, Mich. je329

CALIFORNIA PRECANCELLED, Parks, Mothers, Commemoratives, for Precancelled Commemoratives, U. S. Revenues, Mint Commemoratives.—Dutton Efker, 509 S. Citron, Anaheim, Calif. s12021

WILL TRADE sea shells, sea animals and stamps for minerals, fossils, or what?—M. Whitman, 1410 Central Ave., Wildwood, N. J. o1208

SEND 3c MINT BLOCK U. S. Commemoratives, receive 150 different stamps from 50 countries.—Bouldin, 2728 Colfax, South Minneapolis, Minn. my304

STAMPS—Colonials, foreign, U. S. \$1, \$2 and \$5 issues, to trade for current U. S. and Canadian Commemoratives and scarcer values in any quantity but in good condition. Also general exchange. Send 3c stamp for information.—A. Mathieu, 4406 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ill. d12252

EXCHANGE YOUR duplicate stamps, cataloguing 4c and over. Details for 3c postage.—Elma Stamp Exchange, Elma, Erie Co., New York. S.P.A. 6935. jly12651

BADLAND CURIOS, buffalo horns, fossil leaves, petrified woods, agates, etc.; Wanted, sporting goods, guns, peep-sights, books, clothing, novelties, electrical articles, radios, U.S. coins, antiques, anything.—Aaron Thompson, Westmore, Montana. je3001

EXCHANGE ORIGINAL cartoons; art, reference and writers' books; other articles; for old cartoon originals.—George T. Maxwell, 505 West 29th St., Wilmington, Dela. mh12672

HAVE LARGE collection of stamps, coins, bills and magazines. Will trade for airmail stamps or matchbox labels. Prompt reply.—Al. Pearson, 732 Fell St., San Francisco, Calif. my6001

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FIFTEEN POPULAR MECHANICS Magazines. Want commemorative coins, others.—Otto Nill, Islip, Long Island. ap162

BOTTLES, Glassware, China antiques wanted for rare cactus and succulents from all over the world, also have some purple desert bottles to swap—what have you?—McCabe Cactus Farm, Rt. 3, San Diego, Calif. ap12402

LARGE SUSPENDED Keuffel-Esser pantagraph, like new, cost \$85, also complete professional chalk talk outfit with stunts, new, value \$50; exchange for old cartoon originals.—George T. Maxwell, 505 West 29th St., Wilmington, Dela. ap107

THREE OLD WESTERN BOOKS—Our Western Border, The Great West, Rocky Mountain Adventures. Swap for cash or U.S. stamps.—C. W. Durr, Chambersburg, Pa. ap165

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WILL TRADE First Day covers for uncirculated Indian or Lincoln cents and half cents.—Henry Evanson, 421 Washington St., Dedham, Mass. ap324

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WILL TRADE Mound Builder pottery for "Moorehead's" Stone Age or other archaeology books.—B. R. Gebhart, 115 S. Main, Miamisburg, Ohio. apl

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WILL TRADE labeled, rough or polished mineral specimens for woodworking machinery, Delta, Driver or similar.—The Gem Shop, Kohre Block, Helena, Montana. je329

THIRTY INDIAN CENTS, 1864-79. Commemorative coins wanted.—Otto Nill, Islip, Long Island, N. Y. ap142

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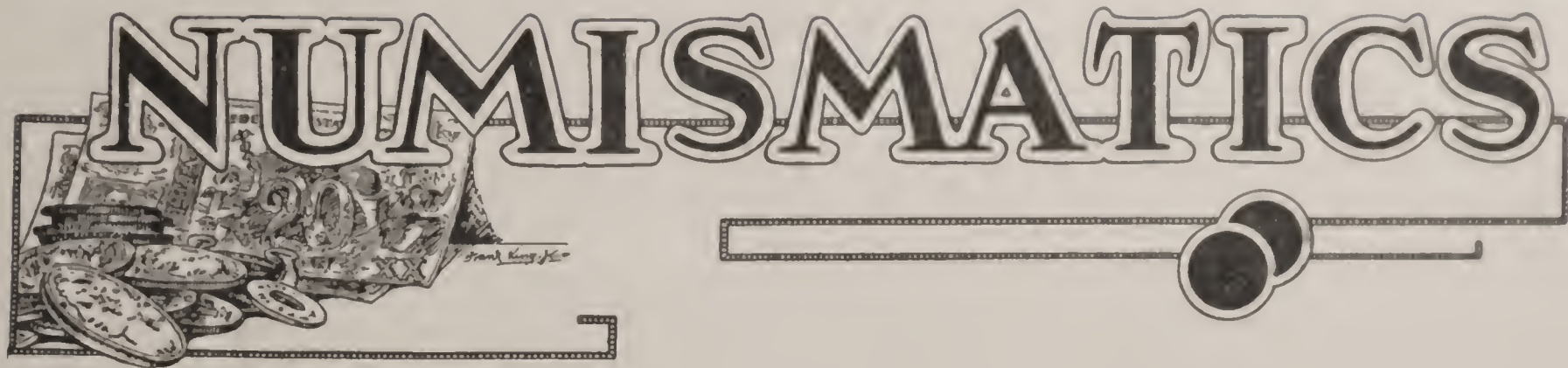
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By*

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THE standard mother-in-law joke is not much ahead of the woman-at-an auction-sale one. Women are continually being joked by their husbands about their auction bargains. It is claimed a woman would rather pay an auctioneer \$10 for a ten-cent hat pin than to pay a milliner ten cents for a \$10 hat. It is fortunate for the husbands that their wives do not see them at a coin auction. For intense interest, competitive bidding and rapid fire action, a coin auction has them all beaten. Coin club members will swap duplicates with no thought of difference in values; or they will sell fellow members duplicates at cost rather than real values; but coins placed in the auction ring will be bid up, and in the excitement of the game an owner has been known to bid his own coin up to a point higher than he would sell it for in private. There is a certain exciting fascination about a coin auction that is just irresistible.

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The resolution asking for a new deal in commemorative coins, sponsored by the Kansas City Club, endorsed by other clubs, and championed by President Thorson of the A.N.A. is bearing fruit, and it is safe to predict that future issues of this popular coin will be more in keeping with the wishes of numismatists. Commemorative coins make an unwritten but indestructible history of our country and future generations will study these coins for corroborative proof of our present day history. In the hands of the present generation they arouse an interest in and make for a more general study of our country's history. There should be more of them issued, and so valuable are they, they should, like commemorative stamps, be minted at the behest of the government, and in sufficient numbers that they may be in the hands of every citizen and at face value. This is meant as no criticism to the organizations who, to aid a worthy cause, have resorted to it to raise the necessary funds. They

deserve credit for having pioneered the movement, inaugurated the custom and paved the way for more satisfactory method. The coin collectors, the largest buyers of commemoratives, object to the possibility of profiteering now permissible and ask only that the handling and distribution of the coins be under the regulation and supervision of the government.

To illustrate the point at issue. An organization asks for 100,000 half dollars to be sold to them at fifty cents each and then to be re-sold by them at \$1.00 each, the fifty cent profit to be used for a worthy purpose. So far, well and good. There are plenty coins to go around and some to spare. It was the tacit understanding that the coins were to be retailed at \$1 each. But it need not necessarily work out that way. Now if these 100,000 coins are all minted at one time and bear only one date and are sold on the open market by the organization the coin collector will have to buy but one coin at the intended price of \$1 and everybody is happy. But suppose the organization only calls for 5,000 coins in 1935 and the government mints and dates only 5,000. Then there are not enough 1935 coins to go around and the price sky-rockets. Even if this excess profit went to the organization it would be bad enough, a disregard of the tacit understanding, but if the organization in order to make a quick sale disposes of all the coins to some one third party, allowing the third party to reap a big profit at the expense of the collectors, that is heaping insult upon injury. The collector is helpless; he has to pay the tribute and take his medicine. The organization has 45,000 more to come. In 1936 the operation could be repeated, the only difference in the two coins would be the date. The collector is stuck for a double dose of one medicine. This might go on for three, four or five years, with the helpless collector on the "goat" end of the rope.

It is against the possibility of such

action that the clubs are now fighting, and not against the issuance of commemoratives. It should not be possible for the mints of the United States to be commercialized and operated for the benefit of a favored few and the numismatists of the country are determined to make it impossible by having Congress place regulatory safeguards in all future acts. A collector should not have to buy half a dozen coins of one type but of different dates at an exorbitant price in order to fill his set whereas he should only have to buy one at a nominal price.

"Each one for himself and the devil take the hindmost" may have been good advice in times gone by when neighbors were few and far between, but with the present day mobilization of community interests it is one for all and all for one and to the devil with the one who goes it alone. A coin collector who keeps his collection unto himself and does not exchange visits with his neighbor collector is all out of step with the trend of the times. Fraternize with your brother hobbyists; you have coins they haven't, let them see them. They have coins you have never seen, grab the opportunity. Exchange news and views, form a club and modernize. Twenty years ago with every one for himself a numismatic news item was a rarity, while now with the hobby mobilized into clubs coin news is of daily occurrence.

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"Money, money, who has the money?" "I," says the miser, "I am much wiser, I have the money."

"Contentment, contentment, who has contentment?" "I," says the wiser, "I am no miser, I have contentment."

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If one dime is a sister to another dime, then a half dime must be a half sister to both dimes.

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A popular song is "Fare thee well, Isabel." The Miss Isabel quarter of World Fair fame fares pretty well, thank you. She is growing in favor and gaining in value each year, and

will soon reach the heights of Rosa Americana.

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It is reported that Belgium is having trouble stabilizing its money. She should have borrowed our monetary motto "In God We Trust," instead of trusting to the bolstering strength of the members of the gold bloc. It is true people all know what money is but no one understands it. No wonder people like to collect money, it gives them something to study and think about, and perhaps become a monetary Einstein.

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If you want a husband who makes money marry a counterfeiter; if you wish one who save his money, select a coin collector.

A hobby is a safety valve for pent-up emotions which keeps us "from flying off the handle"; a steering wheel that keeps us in the middle of the road instead of climbing a telegraph pole when all is bedlam on the highway. Without a hobby one is like a rudderless boat on a storm tossed sea. To keep our mental and emotional equilibrium we must ride a hobby-horse, and coin collecting is the best Old Dobbin, a regular family horse. To start a collection you do

not have to buy or search for coins. You have a coin collection right there in your pocket. A coin collection consists of two or more like coins of different dates. Take those two dimes from your purse; you will probably find them to be of different dates; if so, you have a collection already started. With the two-piece collection as a starter break a quarter and add one, or perhaps two, of the dimes you receive in change. Repeat this breaking process several times and you will soon find yourself with twenty dimes of different dates between 1890 and 1935. Then the game really starts, the game of filling in the gaps, or missing dates. The game now slows down, but you can enliven it by watching for the mint marks and making them a part of your goal. Now that you have the "hang of the game" you can become ambitious and kill two birds with one throw. Amongst the change you will find a lot of nickels; start a sequence of jitneys. Follow this, in time, by pennies, quarters, halves and dollars. When you have mastered this game you will find while you have a big collection that you have only gone through a preparatory course for the big game.

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Robert Ingersoll said had he been proxying for the Lord of Hosts he would have made health instead of rheumatics (sickness) catching. The designer did the next best thing; he made numismatics catching. Coin collecting is the best antidote for nervousness and its kindred diseases. If effected with nervousness take a dose during your leisure time and attend the club meeting at least once a month.

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Do not hesitate about starting a club for fear of a small membership. Big values more often come in small packages. It is not the size but the activity of the club that counts. A club with a small membership and a large percentage of attendance is more effective than a big club with a small attendance percentage. The boast of a club should not be of its numbers but the type of its members. An active minority is more effective than a smug majority; an up-and-doing small club is of more benefit than a do-nothing large one. A club should not travel in a rut along the even tenor of its way, but should scale the heights and pave new trails. Do not be a slave to precedent with "let well enough alone a watchword." If some time worn precedent hinders your progress kick it to one side and make your own precedent to fit present conditions. "What was good enough for father is good enough for me" applies to religion, not to present day methods of secur-

ing results. We are judged by our achievements and not by our retrospections. A small object on the move accomplishes more than a large object standing still. A small club making precedents and accomplishing results is more effective than a large club following precedents and merely reviewing past results.

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The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society of Pittsburgh, Pa., is one of the most active of the Eastern Clubs. With a popular secretary like A. C. Gies, it could not well be otherwise.

The Utica Coin Club of Utica, N. Y., is so engrossed in its work that it meets twice a month to rid itself of some of its pent-up enthusiasm. The Utica Club is composed of a live bunch of members, active, progressive and always up and doing.

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A bill has been proposed in Congress to coin 6,000 commemorative half dollars to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Hudson, N. Y. The bill is to provide that the coins be distributed by the Mayor of Hudson or a committee appointed by him. It will be a very laudable thing to issue the coins but a very grave mistake if Congress permits only 6,000 to be minted unless it provides for some limitation as to number of coins sold to any one person or coin dealer. The Mayor will be swamped with orders from all parts of the country and there will not be near enough coins to go around. Presuming the coins will be sold at a dollar the persons so fortunate as to secure one will be able to resell it immediately at a much higher price. Unless the Mayor limits one coin to a person the entire issue will be taken up by a few persons or dealers for speculation and subject himself to severe criticism by the disappointed ones. With only 6,000 minted these coins will, in ten years, reach a prohibitive price to the ordinary collector. The government should insist upon at least 50,000 being coined, or in a case like this where only one city is interested, not less than 25,000. The city would make more from 25,000, even though some had to be sold at a discount, than it will from the 6,000 at a dollar apiece. Should the entire 6,000 coins be sold to one person or dealer, the profit on the resell would be more than the intended profit to the city. It is unfair to allow the U. S. mints to be used for profiteering at the expense of the coin collectors of the country.

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memorative half dollar of 1935 with 6,000 mintage will very likely bring from \$3 to \$5 within a year. This is because so many collect coins as to type. One trade dollar, no matter what the date, would furnish the type; a scarce date would not be chosen. But commemoratives cannot be handled that way; each issue is a type itself. Another thing that makes for the scarcity of commemoratives—everyone collects them. Most collectors specialize on only one or two special coins so there is not a universal demand for the general run of coins, but commemoratives are specialized in by all collectors. The government should insist on not less than 50,000 to 100,000 commemoratives of each type, all one date, thus making them accessible at a reasonable price to all collectors, and it is hoped that Congress will in all future laws make such a provision.

The best proof the world is growing small and the countries more neighborly is the demand for foreign coins amongst collectors. It is a small collection indeed that does not contain at least a half dozen aliens.

Aesop's fly, sitting on the axle of the chariot, boasted "What a dust I raise." We are all that way more or less; we think we are making a big noise when in fact we are merely echoing someone else. A proof coin always makes me think of that fly on Aesop's chariot. Of course a proof coin is the most perfect condition possible. Everyone prefers a proof. It has been so sought after that Mr. Proof is beginning to think he is the whole cheese; that it is he who is making all the numismatic dust. There were coins and coin collectors before Proof was even thought of. And what has Proof to talk about? Nothing. His life's experience has been a trip from the mint to a collector's till. That short journey did not raise much dust. If you want to see a dust raiser, take a look at that old 1799 silver dollar. He has traveled for 135 years. He hobnobbed with Revolutionary heroes in the Wayside Inns of the thirteen original states. He was the Admiral Perry when he "met the enemy"; he was with the boys behind the cotton bales at New Orleans; in Mexico he helped make Santa Anna run faster on his one leg than the ordinary man with two; he marched to the tunes of Yankee Doodle and Dixie during the days of '61; he heard Dewey give the command "shoot when you are ready"; he went "over there" and did not return until it was "over over there," and even after that hard spent life he is still in good condition and up and doing. He is the boy who made the dust fly, and he didn't do it from a chariot axle either. He is

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There was an old man from La Grange, who found an old coin in his change; he spent so much money that folks thought him funny and gave the old man a wide range.

U. S. Coinage of Half Cents

By JOHN C. MORGAN

Circular No. 123, U. S. Treasury Department, July 1, 1896, quotes the number of half cents coined from 1793 to 1857 in dollars and cents of each year except 1793 to 1795; which gives the total amount coined for the first three years, but does not quote any proofs. The report is as follows:

1793 to 1795	.....\$	712.67
1796	.....	577.40
1797	.....	535.24
1798	.....	None
1799	.....	60.83
1800	.....	1,057.65
1801	.....	None
1802	.....	71.83
1803	.....	489.50
1804	.....	5,276.56
1805	.....	4,072.32
1806	.....	1,780.00
1807	.....	2,380.00
1808	.....	2,000.00
1809	.....	5,772.86
1810	.....	1,075.00
1811	.....	315.70
1825	.....	315.00
1826	.....	1,170.00
1827	.....	None
1828	.....	3,030.00
1829	.....	2,435.00
1830	.....	None
1831	.....	11.00
1832	.....	None
1833	.....	770.00
1834	.....	600.00
1835	.....	705.00
1836	.....	1,990.00
1849	.....	193.32
1850	199.06
1851	738.36
1852	None
1853	648.47
1854	276.79
1855	282.50
1856	202.15
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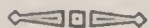
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Recollections of An Old Collector



By THOMAS L. ELDER

A NEW society of antique and hobby collectors has been organized in New York. It held a dinner recently at a New York hotel. It was stated that "dealers in antiques were persona non grata, not invited." Where collecting would be today without these "money grubbing" dealers is hard to determine, and it seems to the writer that they deserve better treatment than this. In the coin world it is the dealers who have helped to form all the big societies. Without them there would be no auction sales, no competition. Collectors, judging by their anxious inquiries as to what such and such an antique, or coin, or stamp, are worth, are mighty glad to have the opinions of dealers; and also to have their support when their collections are being sold. Is the motto to be "Good enough to deal with but not good enough to recreate with?"

Approaching Sales

Splendid coin sales are in prospect for May and June, in New York. The Treadway collection, in particular, attracts on account of the fine line of choice foreign silver coins, splendid ancient silver of Greece, Syria, Parthia and Rome. Splendid British gold five guinea coins from Charles II, with some pattern gold coins of later British rulers. In American coins the piece-de-resistance is the brilliant proof quarter dollar dated 1827, a piece worth \$650 today. The foreign and ancient come mostly from a large retired English dealer, named Lincoln. Some of these coins, to be offered were held in stock by Lincoln for ninety years. There is included also a fine line of New England silver, including a very fine Willow Tree Shilling. Among the offerings are many rare early U. S. gold coins. There is an uncirculated half cent of 1793 in this sale.

In June the J. K. Borcky collection will be sold. It consists chiefly of American coins, notable for its fine and rare U. S. Cents, with many rarities of the 1794 series, thousands of U. S. Minor coins, cents, half cents, two and three cent coins, set of Gold \$1 and \$3 coins, and a superb set of the old Hard Times Tokens, described in Lyman H. Low's well known work. There are many colonial and continental coins, such as Connecticut and New Jersey cents and the like. Henry Chapman worked on the collection and took sick, so the work is

to be completed by the writer and the sale will be held during the third week in June. It looks as though it would run for four days. Mr. Borcky died several years ago and the collection is offered by his executors.

The Adams Sale in New York

The E. H. Adams sale, held on April 11, 12 and 13 last, attracted many collectors and bidders to a very important offering of rare U. S. Pattern coins and other items of interest. The Washlady dollar in copper, the rare pattern Trade Dollars, the Amazonian and other rarities found buyers at from \$40 to \$65 each. The rare pattern half dollars of 1838, of which there were several varieties sold from \$15 to \$50 apiece, according to the variety offered. A very good 1799 cent sold for \$45. One Five Guinea coin of George II, in the best state brought \$82. The very rare pattern ruble of Alexander I of Russia sold for \$45. It was a noted piece. A U. S. Bar cent brought \$15. The rare 50 Reals Silver coin of Philip IV. brought about \$50. A proof U. S. Half cent of 1846 sold for \$75; an 1842, very good, sold for \$18. An uncirculated gold dollar of the San Francisco mint dated 1870, brought \$100. The gem of the sale was an uncirculated U. S. Half Cent of 1796, with pole, which brought \$400. The 1855 D. Mint gold dollar sold for \$75. It was in fine condition. The fifty peso gold coin of Mexico struck in 1924 sold for \$48. An Albanian 100 Franc gold coin of king Zog sold for \$41. The order of the golden Fleece of Austria sold for \$40. It was silver gilt, not gold, and issued during the late war. Crosby's early coins of America, a splendidly bound volume, sold for \$35. The Victoria Indian Chiefs medal issued for Treaty No. 6 sold for \$42. The proof eagle cent of 1856 brought \$12 with several bidders.

The commemorative silver coins in this sale brought good prices.

Collecting of Napoleonic Coins

One of the most interesting series in coins is that of the Napoleon family. The issue, commencing with Bonaparte as first consul, is to be had in silver for moderate prices for many of the five, two, one, one-half and one-quarter franc coins. The copper issues of this ruler are in many cases to be had for moderate prices. Many of Napoleon's gold coins are cheap. There are also patterns of greater rarity and value. His

brothers, Jerome Napoleon, Louis Napoleon and Joseph Napoleon have left numerous coins, and his family connections like Murat of Naples, and Maria Luisa of Parma, are represented also in gold, silver and bronze. His sister Eliza issued coins in both silver and copper, struck for Lucca, which are to be readily had. When we mention Napoleonic medals we are suggesting one of the most prolific of issues. The French mint still issues restrikes of the numerous Napoleonic medals of the 18th and 19th centuries, which are for sale at moderate cost. Collector's money goes far in the way of Napoleonic issues, and a most interesting series of either coins or medals of this noted man are to be had.

Collecting of Foreign Copper Coins

This series is most interesting and includes the entire world. The types and varieties are equal to the silver and cost far less. In many cases foreign copper coins are very rare. The thousands of fine portrait coppers present a galaxy of personages and portraits hard to exceed, and copper lends a softness to the medal maker's art, which reflects itself in coins. The old German, English, French and European series gives collectors a wide field for selection, obtainable at from a cent up to a dollar or so apiece, depending on rarity and condition. The coins of some countries are expensive to obtain except in copper, in instances, and in copper they are just as well done from the die-sinker's standpoint as the silver. In mediaeval and modern copper you can obtain fine examples from Ethelred of the tenth century A. D. to the present. After one gets five or six hundred varieties it gets to be hard to find new varieties. A collection of a thousand different copper coins is bound to include some which are rare and rather hard to obtain. These coins are more appreciated than ever when in fine or proof state. At the sale in New York in April some of the large Russian coppers and issues for Siberia, fetched in the best condition from \$3 to \$4 apiece, none of these large issues sold for under \$2.50. The Russian series is large and varied and commands much interest at present. The Swedish plate coins at the same sale fetched from \$8.50 to \$32 apiece. These are the huge copper plate money issues. Their size and oddity and uncommonness make them favorites at the present time. A collection of fifteen hundred different copper coins would include some very rare pieces.

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Congress Votes Coinage of Memorial Pieces

According to an Associated Press report from Washington, D. C., as of April 19, only President Roosevelt's signature is needed to make certain the coinage of fifty-cent pieces to commemorate the tercentenary of the city of Providence and the sesquicentennial of the City of Hudson, N. Y.

The House has agreed to Senate amendments to the original bill providing for the coinage of the Hudson memorials so that Providence would be included.

As amended, the measure would provide for the coinage of 50,000 silver fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Providence and in each case stipulated that the coins should be issued only upon payment of their face value to the United States.

The Senate amendments were adopted unanimously.

A Hint to Numismatists

A New York editorial writer gives a timely hint. Says he:

"The Bank of the Netherlands has

long enjoyed the distinction of being adroit at discouraging foreign withdrawals of gold. In the past bankers have arranged gold shipments from that country on the basis of nice calculations, only to find their profit gone when the gold that they received turned out to be not freshly cast bars but an assortment of old gold coins which seemed to have been tested on the teeth of many old merchants. The current gold movement has illustrated this habit of the Bank of the Netherlands again. It is said that gold which is being paid out by the bank includes a rare assortment of coins of various nations, including old Austrian crowns. This has the effect of lowering the gold-import point of the guilder and helps to explain the heavy fall of that currency in the face of gold exports. It has been suggested facetiously that banks importing gold from Holland might improve their profits by selling some of the gold to coin collectors."

Commemorative Issues

The new Texas 50-cent centennial coins have been popular according to reports.

Designed by Pompeo Coppini, for-

merly of San Antonio, Texas, but now of New York, the coins were minted in Philadelphia. The pattern is symbolic of the early history of Texas. The coins are being distributed at \$1 each and profits from the sale of the coins will go into a fund for the construction of a Texas Memorial Museum, which will be erected on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Under the headline, "City Bank Swamped with Texas Coin Orders," the Wall Street Journal, New York City, said in a recent issue:

"When National City Bank of New York let it be known that it had received a consignment of special issue Texas Centennial coins of 50-cent denomination for sale at \$1 apiece it discovered that an amazingly large number of people were anxious to part with a dollar for a coin worth, on its face, half that amount. The bank which is serving as a volunteer in the distribution of these coins, the entire proceeds from which will go into a fund for the construction of a Texas Memorial Museum, has been swamped with applications. Most of the applicants, however, who asked to have the new coin mailed to them neglected to enclose an additional 15 cents to cover return postage and insurance."

The Eagle As An Emblem



By ORBRA E. KING

THE eagle has been used as an emblem of national sovereignty by many peoples. Thus its adoption as an integral part of the coinage and of the Great Seal of the United States follows the precedent of many nationalities through long periods of history.

In ancient mythology the eagle was believed to be the messenger of Jove and was thought to carry the souls of the dying to Olympus when they quitted this earth. In this way the eagle came to represent the sovereignty of the Gods. Since it was an age of simple faith, ancient coins were mostly religious, then the symbol of the godhead was the supreme guarantee of purity and good faith. One of the early Greek coins shows the seated figure of Jupiter with an eagle resting on his hand ready to receive a message. The eagle was first taken as a symbol of royal power by the ancient Etruscans, who bore it on their standards. In the year 87 B. C. the Roman legions adopted a silver eagle, with expanded wings, poised on top of a spear, with a thunderbolt held in its claws as their emblem. This was carried at the head of the military legions as they marched over the vast stretches of the mighty Roman Empire. Later Hadrian substituted a golden eagle for the silver one as being more in keeping with the power and dignity of State.

The Byzantine emperors adopted a two-headed eagle. As they gave up their claim to Western Europe they retained their symbol. Russia, as the successor of the Byzantine Empire in the leadership of the Greek Orthodox Church—and in theory of their rule—took the double headed eagle as their standard, at the time of the marriage of Ivan I with a Grecian princess. The national standard of Poland has a white eagle; that of Russia a black one. Napoleon I took a golden eagle, modeled on the standard of the ancient Roman emperors, for his design. This standard was cast aside by the Bourbons, but was restored by a decree of Napoleon III when he became Emperor.

The first use of the eagle on American coinage was on some cents and half-cents issued by the mints of Massachusetts and New York in 1787. When the new Federal Government under the Constitution began to function one of its early acts was to establish a United States Mint

at Philadelphia for the coinage of money. In a resolution of Congress of April 6, 1792 the devices and legends for the new United States were prescribed as follows:

"Upon one side of each of said coins there shall be an impression emblematic of liberty with an inscription of the word 'Liberty' and the year of coinage; and on the reverse of each coin of gold and silver there shall be the figure or representation of an eagle, with the inscription 'United States of America,' and upon the reverse of copper coins an inscription to express the denomination of the piece."

Though authorized in 1792, the first coins of silver were struck in 1794 and consisted of 1,768 dollars, 10,600 half dollars and a few half dimes. Gold coinage did not begin until 1795. (Copper had been coined earlier than these dates but, with one brief exception, the eagle has never been used on copper coins.)

There have been many types of the eagle used on American coins. The first eagle used on the gold coins was a naturalistic bird with expanded wings, standing on a palm branch, and holding aloft a laurel wreath. There was no symbolism of war and peace shown. Later a design was prepared resembling the great seal and having the arrows. The arrows remained as a general principle for more than a century. On the half dollars of 1807 the wings are inverted. In 1855 a large copper one cent coin was designed with a flying eagle but it was not adopted, and the next year still another pattern, but smaller was again submitted but failed to meet approval. However the next year the "Flying Eagle" cent was regularly issued, and were nearly the size of the present cents. On the subsidiary coins of the 1878 series the device of the Great Seal was again modified and used. In 1916 a new series of three silver coins were adopted, two of which pictured the eagle. The half dollar, designed by Weinman, shows a distinctly fine type of the eagle with wings raised and grasping a pine branch in his talons. MacNeil drew the design for the quarter which shows an eagle flying to the right. The 1921 "Peace" silver dollar show an eagle on a mountain crag with an olive branch in his talons. The new Washington Bicentennial quarter shows the heraldic eagle with wings spread and with the old familiar bundle of arrows, this time resting

on two sprays of olive. There have been other types of eagles used from time to time as may be seen by reference to a good coin catalog.

Reference has been made several times to the arrows held in the talons of the eagle. The arrows, of course, represent the might and power of the nation in war, the wreath of olive shows the desire for peace. Some have claimed that the position of the olive branch in the dexter claw and the arrows in the sinister claw, as pictured on the Great Seal, express a preference for peace. No mention has been made of the Trade Dollars. It will be seen holding three arrows. Strange that a coin made expressly for peaceful commerce in a foreign country should show the design for war!

The stars on the reverse of the silver coins represent the thirteen original colonies. On the gold and silver coins of 1795 we have fifteen stars, which was later increased to sixteen. Congress soon saw that it would be impossible to increase indefinitely the number of stars as new states came in so they returned to the practice of using thirteen stars for the original colonies. However Gobrecht made an attempt to reinstate the practice of a star for each state when he designed, in 1836, the pattern for a silver dollar for he shows twenty-six stars surrounding the eagle, that being the number of states at that time. But that part was not adopted.

The design of an eagle was at one time suggested as a national flag, but was abandoned in favor of the Stars and Stripes.

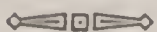


State of Washington Issues Fractional Tokens



On May 1 the State of Washington began issuing fractional coins of the value of a fifth of a cent each to provide citizens with a method of paying the two per cent sales tax required by a measure passed by the Legislature on March 14. The new tokens are 89-100th of an inch in diameter, between the size of a nickel and a twenty-five cent piece; and are of aluminum with a square hole in the middle 5/32 of an inch in diameter. On the face appears: "Tax on Purchase of Ten Cents or Less, Chapter 180, Laws of 1935," and on the reverse: "State of Washington Tax Tokens." A bar extends across the coin and the rim is raised. The experiment in state coinage was decided upon in preference to scrip, although there is still some doubt as to the advisability of the plan.

Silver Certificates



By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

THE silver certificate is called a "certificate" because it is actually a receipt for a stated amount of silver that has been deposited in the Treasury. On the other hand, a currency note is called a "note" because it is a promise to pay the amount stated on the face of note. Some refer to it as a government I. O. U. This was specially so in the case of the United States notes originally issued during the Civil War. The notes were without any gold or silver backing, and it was not until 1879 that a gold reserve fund was had for that purpose.

The origin of the silver certificate as a United States currency goes back to the Bland-Allison Bill of 1878. Bi-metallism had been the policy of our government from the earliest time; for in 1792 silver was fixed at a ratio of 15 to 1; that is, the monetary value of 15 ounces of silver was made equal to the monetary value of one ounce of gold. In 1834 the ratio was fixed to 16 to 1. The former overvalued silver while the latter undervalued it. As a result of the undervaluation, silver was not brought to the mint to be coined and in 1873 the silver dollar was removed from the list of United States coins. Shortly after, various events of which the discovery of the Comstock lode is one made silver so abundant and cheap that the miners would have been glad to have their silver coined at a ratio of 16 to 1 which prior to this time was not satisfactory to them. Hence, the silverites and Greenbackers joined forces and succeeded in getting the Bland-Allison Bill passed.

This bill provided among other things that the Treasury purchase for coinage from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 worth of silver a month, and that silver certificates in denominations of \$10 or more might be obtained upon presentation of like amounts of silver dollars. In accordance with the provisions the silver dollars began to appear once more, but somehow in spite of the efforts of the government to keep the coins in circulation the silver dollars did not stay in the hands of the people. They did not seem welcome, especially to the bankers who were opposed to the silver policy. Therefore, in 1886 the government authorized the issuance of silver certificates in denomination of one dollar, two dollars, and five dollars, which were to take the place of so many of the silver dollars. The certificates en-

tered into circulation much more successfully than the coins.

In 1890 the Sherman Silver Purchase Act was even more favorable to the silverites, but the new bill was repealed in 1893. The Treasury notes issued in accordance with the bill were retired and replaced by silver dollars and silver certificates according to the provisions of the Gold Standard Act of 1900.

The silver certificates issued prior to 1928 are now designated as "Old Series" and can be easily recognized because of their large size. The "New Series" of small size silver certificates began with the series of 1928 although the issue into circulation did not begin until July, 1929.

According to File III, Sec. 45, of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, approved May 12, 1933, the President was authorized to accept silver in payment from foreign governments on indebtedness to the United States. The price of the silver was not to exceed 50 cents an ounce, nor was the total amount of such silver to exceed \$200,000,000. On the basis of this silver the Secretary of the Treasury was authorized to issue silver certificates in such denominations as he deemed advisable. Accordingly, a small amount of silver certificates, in the denomination of \$10 and known as the series of 1933, were issued against the silver received from the foreign governments.

The latter certificates are now being retired and will be replaced by certificates of the series of 1934 which are issued in denominations of \$1, \$5, and \$10. The authority to issue new silver certificates, based on silver presented to the mints for coinage in accordance with President's proclamation of December 21, 1933, was granted to the President by Section 12 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934.



Forum



Denver, Colo.

On page seventy-six of March HOBBIES under the heading "In memory of the good old days," by a Bermuda reader, reference is made to an English piece, evidently a medal or token of some kind.

I have two duplicates of the piece described with the exception of the date. The date on the one I have is "1768."

The interesting part of it is, the piece I have has been in this part of the country for some years, and when it came in my possession was tied with a leather thong through a hole to a metal piece, evidently bronze, about the size of our half dollar having on one side the liberty head with thirteen stars and the inscription E Pluribus Unum, with the date, 1837, and on the other side a wreath with the inscription "Millions for defence but not one cent for tribute."

The circumstances surrounding these pieces are very interesting. I consider mine an important part of my collection. Before this particular type came into my possession they belonged to an old pioneer of Colorado who came West in 1853 and settled on a ranch where the town of Salida is. At that time the Ute Indians were using that part of the country for a winter hunting ground and this old rancher became very friendly with them. In later years when the Utes were moved to a reservation in the southwestern part of Colorado, their Chief, Ouray, gave to his friend, the rancher these two pieces tied together as a token of his friendship.

How Chief Ouray came in possession of them is not known, probably from some white man who used them for a trade.

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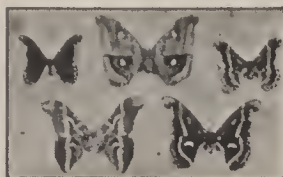
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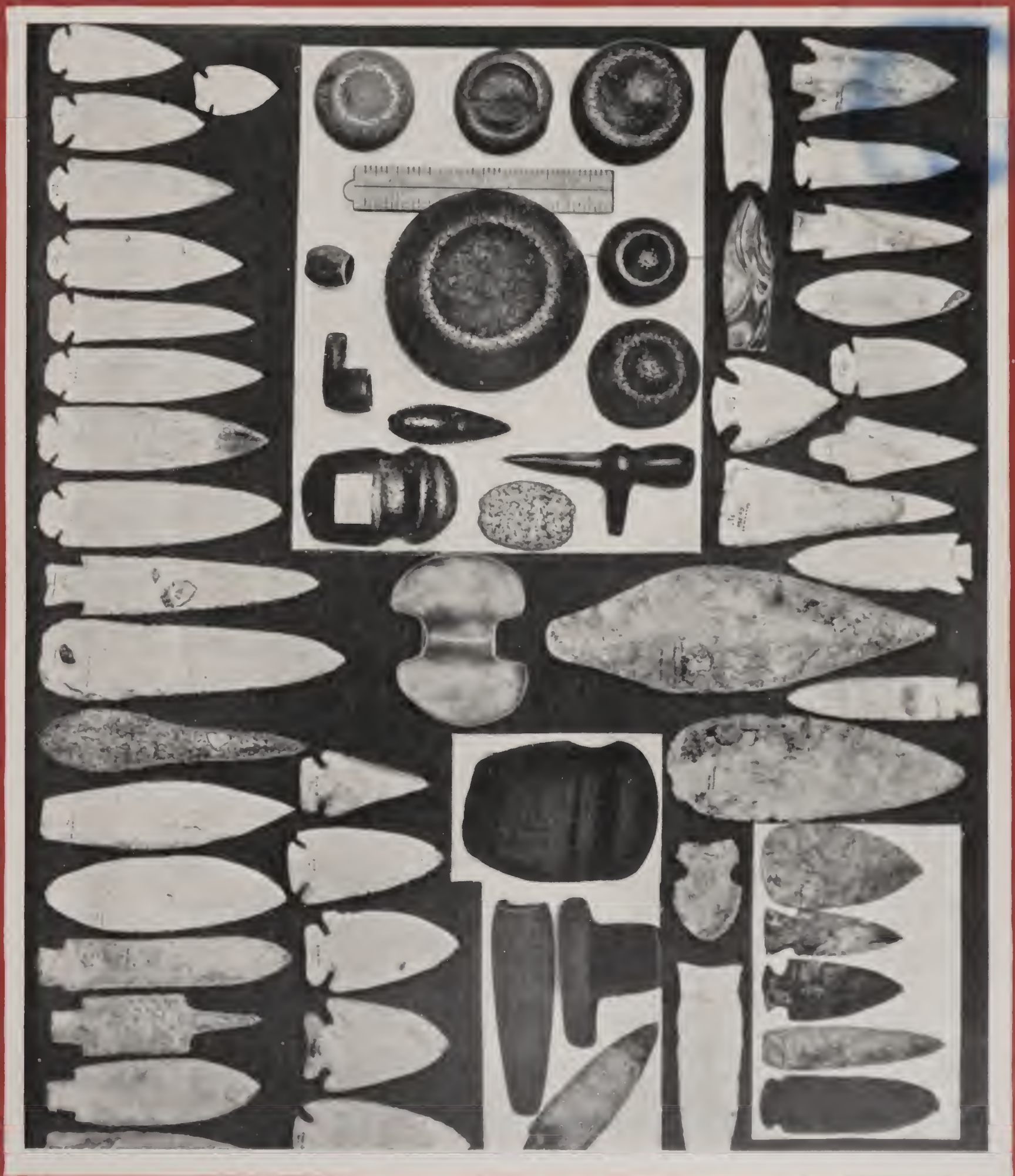
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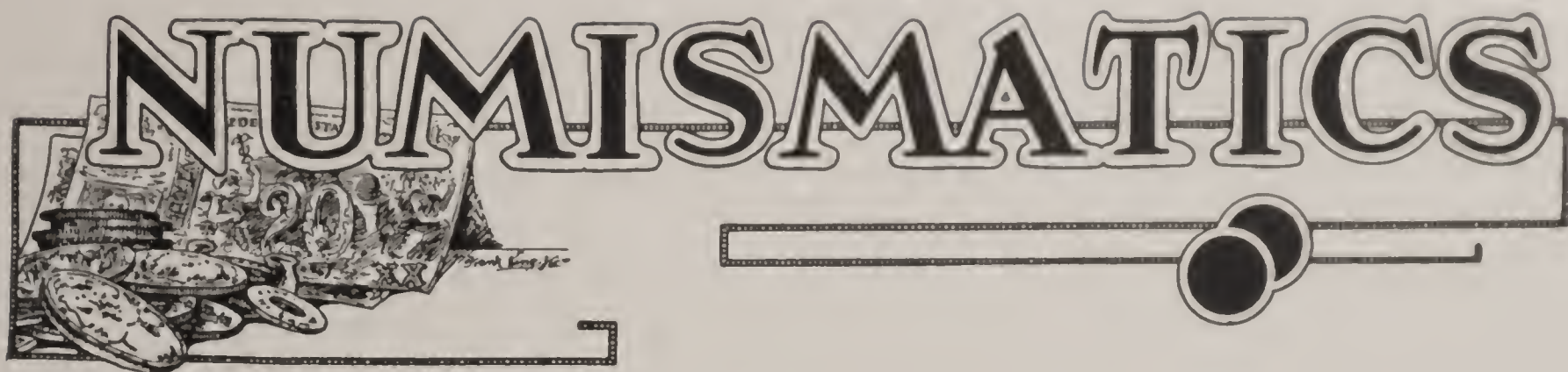
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By*

FRANK C. ROSS

GREAT BRITAIN'S intricate monetary system, pound, farthing, shilling and pence, will be discarded for the decimal system if the advice of a House of Commons' member is heeded. If the new system is adopted and different coins are minted the present coins will most likely be called in and melted. The more common ones of today will be scarcities tomorrow. It will be a repetition of our now obsolete half cents, two cent pieces, three cents, half dimes and twenty centers. Our money was not called in but it disappeared rapidly. There is something like this turning up continually to add interest to numismatics.

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The young man's mother was a full blooded Irish-woman, and like all good Erin-ites continually boasted of her heritage. His father was a product of the "melting-pot" so boasted of no nationality. One day, being asked his nationality, the boy said "I am half Irish and half—half—er—er half Democrat." He is somewhat similar to the boy, who, when asked what his dad did with his money, replied "He spends his busy hours earning new money and his leisure time saving old money."

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"Tightening — or loosening — the purse strings" to the present generation is a mere figure of speech but to our forefathers it had a literal application. Before the days of paper money accounts were settled and barter carried on with coins. These coins were carried in a large leather sack fastened at the top with a leather string on the order of the present day tobacco sack. To take money from the pouch the string had to be loosened, to keep them in the sack the string was drawn taut.

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On being told that one's money was tainted Mark Twain replied "Yes, there's a taint about that money, 'taint yours and 'taint mine."

The old order changeth. Mausoleums becoming in vogue and above ground burial popular cemeteries will soon become hallowed shrines and tombstones sacred relics. Phaetons, carriages and coaches which served mankind for centuries are now curiosities of museums. And so money, as we have known it, will eventually be exhibitions in old coin collections. As trade grew the cumbersome coins gave way to paper money, paper money to checks. Gold coins once so popular are now obsolete; the big silver dollar of our dad's is an object of curiosity and its mintage will no doubt soon be stopped. Our subsidiary coins are unnecessarily heavy, and in a way only tokens, and there is no reason why they should not be made of aluminum. A preposterous idea? Not a bit. How could a piece of aluminum worth one cent be made to be worth fifty cents? In the same way that a piece of paper worth less than one tenth of a cent is now made to be worth ten, twenty or a thousand dollars.

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Food for thought—new ideas.

As much action as a three ring circus—triangle love affair.

Nudist life—a bare living.

Counterfeiting our "dough"—making mud pies.

The Village Blacksmith—the garage man.

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A coin club took a booth in a stamp club's annual down-town exhibit. The stamp club furnished the publicity and brought the crowd and the coin club reaped the benefit. All visitors stopped at the coin table and all remarked "I have a few old coins at home." "Bring them in and let me appraise them for you" was the attendant's invitation, and one which was generally accepted. As a result several new members joined the coin club and many names were added to the prospective list. Lay your coins on the table. Display your ware. It pays.

A financial headline. THREAT TO SILVER DOLLARS. Wall Street ponders possibility of melting U. S. Dollar. Would be profitable operation with metal at \$1.29 an ounce.

With the millions upon millions of silver dollars melted by the government during the World War many of the coins minted prior to that date have become very scarce. If silver goes to \$1.29 the populace will cash in by melting the survivors. And too, as silver dollars are too heavy to carry and are not in general circulation the government might call them in and substitute paper bills. You never can tell what might happen in these days of uncertainty, if not frenzied finance, so follow my oft repeated advice to form your dollar sets now while the gleaning is still possible.

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In numismatics familiar expressions often apply in the reverse. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" for instance. In artistic beauty our old coins do not begin to compare with the recently coined beauties, but the recent coins merely "fill a niche" in our collections while some of the old crude ones are the joys of our lives. The Pine and Oak tree shillings are anything but beautiful but what a joy to the possessor. The Franklin penny looks like a lodge emblem but how the collector prizes it. Hard Times tokens look like what they are, political canards, but wouldn't you like to have one. There is one beauty expression that holds good, "Pretty is as pretty does," for the old time money "does" pretty good.

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Everyone says "I'll try anything once." In cleaning coins let that "once" time be by merely blowing your breath on the victim, not by using the unknown effect of some chemical concoction. Remember a coin's beauty is only surface deep, so don't mar the beauty by removing the surface. Improper cleaning has the same effect on money as a dust storm has on soil.

Our First Lady says that Avocation is "something in life which occupies either your mind or your hands, and which will change your trend of thought when you wish to change it." Substitute the word hobby for avocation and you get the same result. In choosing a hobby select it with an eye to business. Coin collecting is the most stable hobby. A coin collection is a savings account as well as a diversion.

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If you wish to change your money for a son, anagram your "coin" with an "s", making it scion.

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Money — coins — currency — all have a rhythmical sound. It is no wonder our first credited numismatologist, Petrarch of Italy (1304-1374), was a poet. He is often spoken of as the father of numismatics.

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Old Uncle Eben used to say, "Some folks used big words de same as a turkey gobbler spreads his tail feathers. Dey makes an elegant impression but dey don't represent no real meat."—*K. C. Star*.

And some folks strut the boulevards bedecked in broad cloth and plug hat but it is the man in overalls and cap who makes the world go 'round. The mirror surfaced proof coins are the dudes of collections but it is the ones that have seen circulation that have done yeoman service to friend man. Proofs can only talk history, old coins have made it. Proofs, like dudes, are pretty to look at but it is the old fellows that have proved friends in need. Proofs bear a sign "hands off," the old boys say "put her there." Proofs are all dressed up with no place to go, the veterans have already been. The average citizen does not enthuse much

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when shown a proof coin twenty years old that must not be taken from its transparent band-box for fear of receiving a breath mark and with nothing of distinction to its credit except its dolled up appearance. But, oh boy, just watch the visitor's eyes glisten when handed a Pine Tree shilling with its Colonial background; a Franklin penny with its Revolutionary setting; a Hard Time token with its political significance; an Encased stamp with its Civil war record; Old Pariah (trade dollar) with its Asiatic experience.

Of course we all wish our coins in the best condition possible, but condition is not everything. It is not the uniform that makes the fighting soldier but the courageous spirit of its wearer. It is not the lustre of the coin that appeals to the average man but the back-ground, the history of the time the coin represents; the tales, stranger than fiction, it would tell could it but talk. Numismatics is a scientific study, not a fashion plate. Coins, taken as a whole, are the fighting soldiers, the storm troops, of our industrial life, not Erastus-es on parade. An Easter parade is a work of art but the six day overall parade is a work of achievement. The dressed up stay at homes do the talking while the mud bedraggled, oft-times blood stained uniforms at the front do the fighting. Numismatics is not a beauty contest, it is a science. As Uncle Eben implies, "It is not the spread of the tail but the taste of the meat that counts."

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Money—"Only a token, but a token which represents real things—somebody's work or the production of some material things for which some human beings have in some way worked. Real work of some kind must attend the honest making of money."—Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Hard time token—"please remit."
Victory dollar—"Paid in full, \$1."
Life is just one blamed thing after another—with none of us blameless.
"Hat" money of the Malay States—one instance in which it is a compliment to be called a "high hatter."
"Bar" money of Java—United States also has its "bar" money since repeal.

Siam "bullet" money and Ireland "gun" money—good war-time combination.

Japanese "lump" money—that is the way we like our money, all in a lump.

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Coins as a historical recording agency. Even if all books were destroyed, the Pine Tree Shilling of 1652 would teach us that at that date Massachusetts was spelled Masathusets.

Know any scarcer? There were only two 1870 "s" mint three dollar gold piece coined, and both are still in existence but not procurable. One, it is claimed, is in a corner-store in California and the other in the private collection of a rich New Yorker. If some stranger offers you an 1870 "s" mint \$3.00 gold piece at a bargain price,—remember the lesson on counterfeits you learned in the numismatic kindergarten.

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Do not bewilder a beginner with too many "dos and donts." Youth will have its fling, sow its wild oats, and then after having its eye tooth cut on the barbs of experience it will weed out the poor coins and stick to the good ones, detect alterations, pass up the idea of conglomerative collection for a systemized selection. Give him a few useful hints but not a word of advice. Long oral instructions are soon forgotten but the scars received in the bumps of experience remain as constant reminders of "never again."

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The forgotten man—Father after Christmas.

The remembered woman—Mother just before meal time.

Model children—The week before Christmas.

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If you cannot get some Spanish "cut" money for your collection you might substitute some American gold coins; our gold money has been cut.

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A coin collector of Ohio is in possession of a "freak" ten dollar bill issued by a New York Bank. The peculiar thing about this note is the fact that the reverse side of the same has been printed upside down. Bankers to whom it was shown said they had never seen one like it before and that it was not a counterfeit.

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He who laughs last often guffaws the loudest. Many people belittle the theory we sprang from apes. With our destructive wars, our complicated social system and our continuous fight for a mere existence, what does the monkey think of the accusation? They say "it is to laugh." We modernites look back with pity on the lives of our early settlers. With all our conveniences and boasted easy life are we as well off spiritually as they were? Did not their full days make for a more wholesome mentality and a better spiritual life? We may be chuckling up the wrong sleeve.

And money too. We are disposed to poke fun at the antiquated local system of barter and trade and compare it unfavorably with our intricate international system. Notwith-

standing the centuries of evolutionary progress something snapped five years ago and the cause of the accident has not yet been discovered, let alone repaired. With all the tinkering of our expert financial artisans we seem to be going from bad to worse. And what do we do during the emergency? We revert to the much maligned system of our forebears, barter and trade. It is the one vehicle we can depend on in a pinch.

The Lithuanians have in some instances substituted geese for money, and the Czecho-Slovakians locomotives; Poland has used motor cars and Germany pigs; South Wales trades coal for Ireland's cattle; Brazil finds coffee an acceptable substitute for money; Russia barter with naphtha and Australia meats; Swiss cheese and Canadian aluminum play their part; Spain utilizes wines and oranges while Newfoundland uses iron ore: Denmark has her herrings and Jamaica her bananas; Roumania is trading petrol and Egypt cotton. And this is only a small list of swappers.

Like the famous London bridge, the world's monetary system seems to be falling down, or at least sagging in the center, and peoples are reverting to old time "horse trading." This is rather rough on coin collectors for even the Smithsonian Institute would find it impossible to house a collection of "coins" from the various old countries. We Americans are still swapping dollars but it is no telling when we may begin trading water-mellons for shoes. The Professors of Wall Street College have already revised their text books on Money. It seems the Barterers and the Traders have the laugh on Dollars and Cents.



Questions and Answers



Question: Will you tell me what is the difference between an uncirculated and proof coin?—L. F. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Answer: Uncirculated Coin. The mint coins, say, 1,000,000 silver half dollars. All bright, new and shiny. They are stored away in the vaults. Then thousands of these fifty-cent pieces are shipped to your bank in Pittsburgh and arrive there in the same uncirculated condition. You have your bank change a \$5.00 bill; amongst the change you receive is one of these new, yet uncirculated, half dollars. If you keep the coin it will always remain in uncirculated condition, or if it is passed only between coin collectors and not handled much, it will remain in uncirculated condition. But if you spend the half and it passes into regular circulation it soon loses its perfect condition

and bright shiny lustre, and becomes a coin in fine condition; after further circulation it grades down to good condition, then fair condition, etc., etc., according to the time it has circulated and the usage it has received.

Proof Coin. By payment of a fee, I believe it is 25 cents per coin, though not just sure, the government will give coins a special treatment. This is generally done for coin dealers as private collectors seldom like to go to all the trouble it entails. Let me quote from a book I have: "Proof coins are especially struck from polished blanks and dies and finished by hand, which gives them a mirror like, smooth, reflective surface. The most perfect condition known. The mint makes a small charge for the proof coins, and they can only be had during the year of the issue."



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One of the commendable things about this edition is that it has stiff board covers, and the size is such that it will nicely fit a man's inside coat pocket. Yet it lists all dates of every United States Coin, in addition to a special check-list of the United States commemorative issues.



Taking Census



Since publishing the discussions on 1832 half cents in the past few issues a number have written that they have specimens of these in their collections.



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Recollections of an Old Collector



By THOMAS L. ELDER

What Happens at Coin Auctions

THE old coin cataloguer steps out of bed about 5:30 A. M., dresses, gets a bite of breakfast, and takes a train to New York town which is thirty-one miles away. Reaching his office he opens his safe, takes out the boxes and commences to lay out the 900 more or less lots for the first session (for usually there are two sessions, and sometimes three). By this time it is about 8 A. M. By nine they are all laid out spick and span on tables, with the rarest in special cases against the wall. The special cases are shown by attendants for lots have been known to take wings at sales, and occasionally odd pieces have been lost. Too, some of the rarer pieces have been known to get mixed up with coins of lesser value or be placed in the wrong envelop. Long experience has taught the old collector to keep attentive at exhibits of coins and so avoid mixups. After the collectors have looked over the lots for some three and a half hours the lots are picked up and placed in their boxes, ready for delivery after the session is finished. The "audience" of collectors then moves up or down stairs to a large airy and light room where they sit on chairs, smoke and talk, and the sale is started. The old collector's sales move fast—none in the U.S.A. go, quite so fast. So fast go the lots, knocked down by a young and wide awake auctioneer, that a record of 375 lots per hour has been made at times. At the old collector's sale, even 900 lots are completed sometimes at 4 o'clock P.M. after a run of three hours of selling. Where lots are very important the sale pace is slowed up, and not over 250 lots per hour are sold. In this way the session is lengthened occasionally to 5 or 5:30 P.M. Deliveries are made immediately after the sale is over, if desired, and quite a number avail themselves of this. There is a lot of work attendant a coin sale. As many as 175 parcels have to be shipped out after any important sale, keeping clerks and bookkeepers busy for some days.

This is about how sales go with the old cataloguer after 33 years selling coins. His June sale, for the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, has at least 2875 lots, the largest held in the U.S.A. in years. The main feature of this sale is the large collection of American and Canadian coins of John K. Borcky, deceased. It includes more than 200 U.S. cents of 1794 alone;

there are over 50 of 1796, 29 of 1793, six of 1799, 4 of 1804 and five of 1809. There is an almost endless lot of small U.S. cents of all dates from 1856, also patterns, Hard Times Tokens, as well as some fine half cents, and United States gold coins. Mr. Borcky's section will comprise 2,000 lots, in three sessions. The fourth includes the Foster Collection of New York with several hundred very fine Thalers and Crowns. There are two slugs, rare half eagles including an uncirculated 1799, an 1834 with the motto, and some rare quarter eagles including 1806, 1821, 1830, 1832, 1833; some rare Double Eagles from the Baltimore, Md., find made recently by the two boys; a set of U. S. gold dollars, and other features, are five Guinea coins, Bechtler gold and California gold dollars and half dollars. Included are some offerings of L. G. Morris, of New York, a direct descendant of Lewis Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His set has the best pine tree shilling I have met with. It has been in the Morris family for over 100 years.

The Most Interesting Rare Coin

This subject opens up a broad field of inquiry and shows a divergence in numismatic taste. One will tell you probably the U.S. cent of 1799 is the most interesting because it is one of the rarest of U.S. cents. That, the writer does not consider an argument. After all doesn't the most interesting coin have to do with the most interesting events, the most interesting persons, the most stirring times? That year was most certainly not 1799. It is a question for HOBBIES readers. They might take a vote on it and let the editor know what in their opinion is the most interesting of all coins, and their reasons for believing so. The writer has "his coin" all doped out and put away in velvet tissue. He will tell you sometime what is his selection.

Changing Values of Silver Coins

The cataloguers have been somewhat perplexed by the swift advances in the price of silver. The government has raised the price to more than 75 cents per ounce, and the rank and file of collectors has been slow to appreciate this great advance, which began a little more than a year ago, from a low of 25 cents per ounce. Naturally the cataloguers have had to issue priced catalogues to post collectors. Even now we have collectors bidding 35 cents on silver dollar coins of foreign countries and

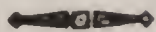
26 cents on half dollars or half thalers, many of them over 100 years old and many of them very fine to uncirculated specimens. All of which is most demoralizing and disappointing to the cataloguing fraternity. Of course, while cataloguers want to see collectors get good values at the sales they do not feel so charitably inclined as to sell these silver coins at about two thirds of what they could be melted up for. The silver value of a Mexican or Chinese dollar has been so demoralized by this new upswing in silver that it has made a crisis in both Mexico and the Orient, which our authorities would do well to take note of and do something about.

Silver coin, as a metal proposition, is one collectors should appreciate rather than humiliate cataloguers with terribly small 1932 bids. Of course, there are many bidders who are perfectly fair about this, and who bid according to the situation, but others merely waste their own time and that of the cataloguer who enters the bids.

The ancient coin market seems to be looking up. Bids are better, and fine silver is bringing more than it did. All of which is proper, if there is a scarcity of really fine small ancient silver in Europe, especially that of Republican Rome, as the writer has been informed.

Another thing which is far more important than the average collector seems to appreciate or signify in his bidding, is the fact that our dollar is off forty per cent, devalued and depreciated by the Roosevelt administration. Senator Thomas, a silverite wants higher prices, and proposes to accomplish this by utilizing more silver. Apparently the president has listened very attentively to the silverites and they have got plenty going in their direction. The end is not yet, as Secretary Morgenthau has, I believe, announced that under the law many more millions of ounces of silver have to be purchased by the government. So there is a very strong possibility that this silver movement is going to bring wide open inflation on us. We already have credit inflation, with much more of it promised by the Eccles Bank bill, which seems evident at this writing the government will jam through Congress against the protest of men like Senators Tyding, Glass and Bird. The ordinary mind has difficulty in following all these financial and monetary schemes, as New Dealers seem to be at listening posts day and night to catch any new ideas for experiment. It is a day of fads and fancies in government. The end is not yet in sight and "we are on our way," and even the President doesn't seem to be able to tell us whither we are bound.

RUSSIAN COINS



By JULES G. KOPPEL

I WAS born in Latvia, which at that time was part of Russia, in fact it was one of the 68 principalities comprising all Russia. I still hold the commission of lieutenant-commander of the late Russian Imperial Navy, and was Knighted with the Order of St. George, the highest military decoration of the late Tsars. I left the navy in 1906, came to this country and became a plain American citizen—vote regularly, register complaints against politicians and do cussing a little when occasion seems to demand it, as a he-man American. But I do know Russia and know something about the Russian coins.

Now then, that I have introduced myself, I will confess further that I have my share of weaknesses, otherwise I would not be a human. But I have some meritorious hobbies. Music is one of the hobbies. Hobby number two is to go out into the mountains and prospect for virgin-gold and silver deposits. Hobby number three is the most fascinating one—collecting German, French and Russian coins. The German, because they were my neighbors in Russia, the French because their country had the dignity and pomp, which gave us diplomatic manners including the language, although the home language of the late Tsar Nicholas II was English.

Let's see the Russian Coronation coins or roubles as they have been called generally, and many times sold as Russian coins. In reality they are not coins, but merely medallions. The Russian government intended them to be such, since it did not stamp its silver content on the face as is done in all issues of Russian coins with the exception of the very early ones, namely 4 Zolotnik, 21 Dolya, the Russian term value in silver. It means in English; 4/96 parts of Russian pound, 21/96 parts of Zolotnik. In other words one Zolotnik is 1/96 part of Russian pound and one Dolya is 1/96 part of Zolotnik.

I have run across a heart breaking incident—seeing a good man and a numismatist of note, selling Russian roubles dated 1801 as that of Alexander I. This coin was not Alexander's, but it was that of Paul I. Catherine II known as Catherine the Great died November 6, 1796. April 5, 1797 Paul I., was crowned Tsar of Russia. Paul died in March 1801 Alexander-Paulovitch being at the age of 23 years, succeeded Paul as Tsar of all Russias and ruled up to

July 21, 1826. Therefore during the year of 1801 coins were minted for both of these Tsars, and any one interested in these coins should not find them very hard to identify.

Very recently a numismatist of note, and a friend of mine, sent me a list showing various coins among which I found one listed as "Poland 1836, 1½ Rouble." Now then, Poland as a kingdom, did not rate their money in the term of roubles, neither did they use the Russian letters, as Poland was strictly a Latinised country. By examining this particular 1½ rouble, we note that on one side of its face within the crown, it says in Russian; 1½ rubla, and under it it gives the 10 Zlot, the Polish equivalent of the above amount. On the other side it bears the double-headed eagle that of Nicholas I., with the initials N. G. given in Russian under it. Around the edge it says in Russian; 6 Zolotnikow 31½ Doley, Chistawo Serebra—which when translated from the Russian means—6/96 parts of pound, 31½/96 parts of Zolotnik pure silver, which is the Russian term of silver as explained above.

Let's examine Poland and that part of Poland that later became a part of Russia. We will find that the first partition of Poland between Austria, Prussia and Russia took place in 1772 under King Stanislaw. Second partition of Poland between Prussia and Russia took place in 1792 and that part of Poland under Russia was annexed to Russia as an autonomous Kingdom. The third partition of Poland was ratified in St. Petersburg in 1795. The king abdicated and Poland ceased to exist as an independent nation, "Finis Poloniae."

Alexander I, in the year 1818 granted Poland a constitution, and for a few years all went well. In 1830 the Poles revolted and in 1831 the constitution granted by Alexander was withdrawn and replaced by an "Organic Statute" which abolished the autonomy of Poland and incorporated her army with that of Russia. Life became unbearable and was unbearable until the fall of the Russian Empire. Russian language was made compulsory in the schools and all government institutions, and that part of Poland was nothing more than a province of All Russias. The Poles were sore and so were the Russians, and these particular coins can be classed in the same category as that of the American Trade Dollar that was intended to compete with the Mexican Peso. That 1½ rouble

is strictly Russian coin, because, Russia never thought of Poland as a kingdom, and while there is no kingdom, there shall be no coins.

I bought one of these 1½ roubles the other day, with the Russian lettering rubbed off—apparently by a dishonest dealer—who was selling it to the no wise for a Polish coin. When the Russians of that period would see this, they certainly would say that it is a "Dirty Irish Trikowsky."

Let's now examine the roubles as issued under the Czarine Anne. We know the rouble of real Anne where she is spread all over its face and dated between 1730 and 1740. Then there is also the rouble of Anne with the new photo and also the rouble with the old photo. History tells us that Anne was the daughter of Peter's (Peter the Great) step-brother, the puppet Tsar Ivan VI, and was known as Anne of Kurland, since she was married to one of the last of the Kettlers, Dukes of Kurland, and lived in Mitau, Latvia, Yelgava to the Latvians if you please.

In 1730 when Peter II, the son of unhappy Alexis, Peter's (Peter the Great) offspring by his first wife, died at the age of fifteen the High Privy Council of the Russian court sent a messenger to Mitau notifying Anne that she has been chosen to become the Czarina of All Russias. She was 52 years old at that time, and died of old age in 1740 ruling barely 10 years.

Now then, how come; the new and the old picture of Anne, besides the one of the real Anne as she was at that time? Therefore I sincerely desire to call upon the collectors of Russian coins to come forward with an explanation, also of the minters minting these coins.



Special Coin Voted



A bill authorizing the coinage of special 50-cent pieces in connection with the California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego, Calif., this year and next, was passed by the Senate and sent to the White House on May 13.



A. O. Welo, Minneapolis, Minn., wonders how many other than himself has a silver dollar older than the one he possesses which bears the date of 1796.

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Federal Reserve Notes and Federal Reserve Bank Notes



By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

FEDERAL Reserve Notes form the greatest part of the volume of paper currency in general circulation. Federal Reserve Bank Notes form the smallest part. Of the former there are almost $3\frac{1}{2}$ billion, of the latter there are 95 million dollars.

The legislative origin of the notes goes back to the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, which was designed as a means of liberalizing credit and of curtailing the selfish financial control exercised by a small group of powerful bankers. This act created a Federal Reserve Board of seven members (increased to eight in 1922) who supervised and managed the Federal Reserve banks of which there was one in each of the twelve districts. All national banks had the option of either joining the Federal Reserve System or else surrendering their charters. The Federal Reserve banks were authorized to rediscount commercial paper of the member banks and to issue notes.

How rediscounting is done and how Federal Reserve Notes are issued may be understood from the following example: An individual obtains a loan from a member bank on the basis of his promissory note. Then, the bank sends the promissory note to the Federal Reserve bank where the note is rediscounted and a certain

amount of Federal Reserve Notes are sent back to the bank from which the note came. The Federal Reserve bank retains the note, while the member bank receives in return almost its equivalent in paper currency entitled "Federal Reserve Notes," of which the Federal Reserve bank keeps a supply on hand so as to avoid delay as was so common in the issue of national bank notes. Later, when the individual is prepared to pay off his loan, the bank recalls the promissory note from the Federal Reserve bank by redeeming it with the required amount of money. The bank in turn returns the note to the individual who originally obtained the loan.

The Federal Reserve Act also provided for the creation of Federal Reserve Bank notes which were to be issued on government bonds as backing, and in this way gradually replace the national bank notes. The national banks, however, refused to sell to the Federal Reserve banks the government bonds they held; and as a result the national bank notes remained in circulation. The provision for the new notes was practically dead until the passage of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918, which provided for the issue of Federal Reserve Bank Notes to replace the 259,121,554 silver dollars melted and sold as bullion to Great Britain. The notes thus issued were retired as the melted silver dollars were replaced by recoinage. This process took from 1921 to 1928.

By the provisions of the Emergency Banking Act of March 3, 1933, the Federal Reserve Act was amended so that either direct obligations of the United States, or commercial paper could be used as the basis for the issue of Federal Reserve Bank Notes.

The series of Federal Reserve Bank Notes are 1915 (issued December 29, 1915) and 1929 (issued March 13, 1933). The Pittman Act resulted in the issue in 1918 of some denominations of the 1915 series for the first time. As of March 31, 1935, the amount outstanding of the 1915 series is \$2,380,123. Of the 1929 series there is \$92,786,800. In the smaller denominations there are 1,602,536 one dollar notes and 197,663 two dollar notes outstanding.

The series of the Federal Reserve Notes are 1914 (issued November 17, 1917), 1928 (issued May 22, 1929), and 1934 (issued November 13, 1934). In 1918 certain denominations of the Federal Reserve Notes of the series

of 1914 were issued for the first time as a result of the amendment of the Federal Reserve Act in 1918 by the Act of September 17.

Both the Federal Reserve Notes and the Federal Reserve Bank Notes bear the name of the city, special number, and special letter of the Federal Reserve Bank that issued them. The location of the central Federal Reserve Banks, their special letters, and their special numbers are as follows:

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Dallas, K, 11.
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Philadelphia, C, 3.
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San Francisco, L, 12.



Comments



Some columnist whose name we do not recall at present wrote recently:

"Inhabitants of this 'world's richest country' read with interest that coins will again be used in France, to prove that gold is a reality, and France is on the gold basis.

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"Well disciplined American citizens wonder what makes them unfit to have any gold. The French can have it, Uncle Sam sells gold to Mexico. Some that had all their gold taken from them, just before it increased seventy-five per cent in value, are wondering why, with peculiar intensity."



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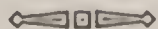
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The Nathaniel Greene Medal



By RAYMOND J. WALKER

THE history of the American Revolution will be read with intense interest through all time whether presented as a whole in ponderous tomes or in sections dealing with the life of a single hero. Among the great leaders of that war was Nathaniel Greene, born at the town of Warwick, R. I., May 12, 1742, according to Harper's Encyclopædia of American History. Judson in his "Sages and Heroes of the American Revolution" gives the date as 1741, but it is believed that the date was August 7, 1742, as that is the one given in the "Life of Nathaniel Greene," by his grandson, George W. Greene (1867-61). The part of Warwick in which the future hero first saw the light of day was Potowomut. His father was a Quaker, the village blacksmith and an anchor maker. It is surprising that a boy reared in a Quaker family should have studied military tactics in his youth but they were his chief study, although he was considered an excellent mechanic at the time he arrived in Coventry in 1770. He urged the establishment of a public school at that place and was elected to the Rhode Island legislature.

His activities in the cause of freedom for Americans caused the Society of Friends to expell him from their meetings. He at once enrolled as a private in the Kentish Guards, a military corps which had been organized at his suggestion, and commanded by General Varnum. In 1775, the little state raised three regiments and Greene became a brigadier general. This brigade, under the young general, marched to Cambridge to join the army that was investing Boston. On June 22, 1775, he became a brigadier in the Continental army. His merits were quickly discovered by Washington and when the British evacuated Boston, in March, 1776, Greene was given command there. On August 9, 1776, he was appointed a major general and given command of the Continental troops on Long Island, but a severe illness prevented his being present at the Battle of Long Island. He was in command at Fort Lee in New Jersey and on October 25 succeeded General Israel Putnam at Fort Washington. The loss of these forts was placed on the shoulders of Greene, but Washington assumed the responsibility.

Greene commanded the left wing of the army at Trenton and was active in New Jersey. By a rapid movement he saved the army from destruction at Brandywine. He again

commanded the left wing at Germantown. In March, 1778, he accepted the appointment of quartermaster general retaining his rank and right to command in time of action, according to the seniority of his commission. He commanded the right wing at Monmouth. In the siege of the British garrison at Newport, R. I., he served under General Sullivan. When it was found necessary to retreat, in consequence of the dispersion of the French fleet by a storm which prevented it from rendering the contemplated aid, the army was greatly indebted to the judgment and skill of General Greene in extricating it from a perilous position. In the battle of Springfield, in June, 1780, he was conspicuous. In August, 1780, he resigned as quartermaster general after a struggle with Congress over the interference of the Treasury board. During Washington's visit to Hartford, in September, 1780, Greene commanded the army. He was president of the court of inquiry in the case of Major Andre.

The British power having been measurably paralyzed in the north, Lord Cornwallis turned his attention to the south, where the defenses were less and beauty and booty were the spoils of war. Greene was sent to relieve Gates in command of the Southern army. The dates, which cause us to despise our historians, again differ, one gives the date of the exchange of command as October 14, 1780, while another makes it October 4. The first authority gives December 4 as the day on which Greene took command of the army at Charlotte, N. C., while the second authority gives the date as December 2. The army numbered 970 regulars and 1,013 militia, who were destitute of military stores, unpaid, nearly naked, poorly fed and no supplies nearer than two hundred miles. Opposed was the powerful army of Cornwallis which was rich in plunder, flushed with victory, liberally paid, abundantly fed, well clothed and amply supplied with military stores of every kind. Morgan was sent to the western part of the state and his victory at Cowpens, S. C., on January 17, 1781, was the first blow rendered to the army of Cornwallis. Greene then planned his famous retreat through Carolina in Virginia, and, turning back, fought the British army at Guildford Court House, N. C., on March 15, 1781. It was a drawn battle, but the meeting was a sad one for Cornwallis, who lost 532 killed, wounded and missing. He retreated to Wilmington. Greene lost

about 400 killed and wounded.

After this battle Greene pushed into South Carolina and was defeated by Lord Rawdon at Hobkirk's Hill on April 25. These back-handed British victories so paralyzed Cornwallis' army that they soon abandoned a number of small fortifications and large quantities of military stores. They concentrated a considerable force at Ninety-Six and were attacked by Greene, who was again repulsed. On September 8 Greene fought another drawn battle at Eutaw Springs, S. C., for which Congress gave him its thanks, a British standard and a gold medal. The British forces were so weakened after this battle that they withdrew to Charleston, where they were penned in until the end of the war. Colonel Stuart commanded this division of Cornwallis' army. Meanwhile Cornwallis concentrated his remaining army at Hillsboro and later moved into Virginia to meet with defeat and was forced to surrender at Yorktown, when surrounded by the main American army under Washington.

The medal awarded to General Greene has on the obverse the bust of the youthful general, facing left, and the legend: "Nathanelli Green Egregio Duci Comitta Americana." On the reverse is a winged victory with a wreath in her right hand and a palm in her left, standing on a broken shield and sword, dismantled cannon and fallen standards. The legend reads: "Salus Regionum Australium." In exergue is "Hostibus ad Eutaw Debellatis Die VIII Sept. MDCCLXXXI."

Greene's campaign in the south showed remarkable strategic features that remind the military student of Turenne, whom Greene had taken as his model for his studies. His campaign was a hard one.

When Cornwallis was finally bagged at Yorktown, Greene went home to Rhode Island, but in 1785 he went south to live on a plantation presented him by the State of Georgia. He died on this plantation near Savannah on June 19, 1786, as the result of a sunstroke. South Carolina also gave him a tract of land. For many years the actual burial place of the general was in doubt. In 1901 Colonel Asa Bird Gardiner, co-operating with the Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati, made a search of the cemeteries in Savannah. In a long abandoned cemetery he found the plate of Greene's coffin and three buttons of a Continental officer's uniform. The vault that contained these relics was known as the Jones vault. Greene had refused the post of secretary of war in 1781 and in 1784.

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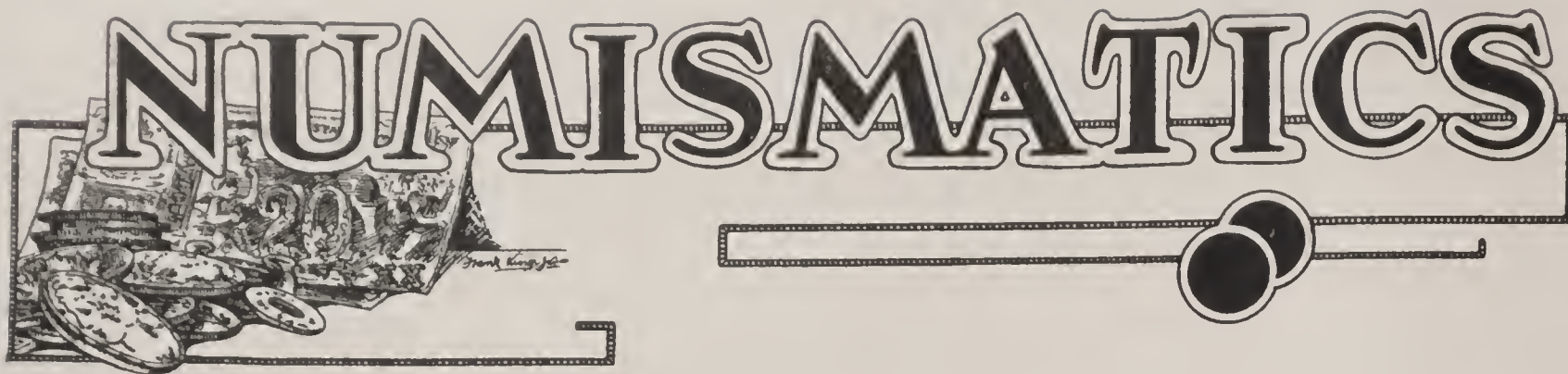
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By* FRANK C. ROSS

ANOTHER ten dollar Federal Reserve note with the printing on the back upside down has turned up, this time in Kansas City. The United States Secret Service pronounces it not counterfeit. The serial number of the bill is J 06075663 A, J 10, C 6, 47. Watch your ten dollar bills; you may come into possession of one of the "freaks".

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About the prettiest and most artistic coin I have seen for many a day is the dollar sized silver Gothic Crown English coin of 1847. The coin is a brilliant proof. On one side is the head of Queen Victoria as a very young woman. The other side is decorated with lions, harps, thistles, roses and crowns, all delicately cut and perfectly blended. The filigree ornamentation is so finely delineated it would be impossible to reproduce on paper unless greatly magnified, and even then it could not do the coin justice. The coin is owned by C. C. Stump of Kansas City.

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Petrarch, the poet who is often called the father of numismatics, has this to say about gold. He who expends gold properly is its master, who lays it up its keeper, who loves it as a fool, who adores it an idolater; the truly wise man is he who despises it.

Cowley says, Gold begets in brethren hate, gold in families debate, gold does friendship separate, gold does civil wars create.

Almacks—Gold rules the court, the camp, the grove, and married men and men in love.

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An idler is a watch that wants both hands, as useless when it goes as it stands.—Cowper. There is no excuse for idleness when a hobby can be had for the taking. You have a coin collection in your pocket. Utilize it. Put in your otherwise idle time making it grow. Don't be a handless watch.

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Some one said: "It is with ideas as with pieces of money, those of the

least value generally circulate the most." Money in general circulation has no premium value.

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Curious to learn why the large coin clubs were not so well attended as the smaller ones an amateur collector was persuaded to attend a meeting of a large club and report his reaction. He reported: "I had a peculiar reaction in attending this meeting but since it was my first it is not fair to state it at this time. If this reaction persists after another meeting I will write you about it." After attending the second meeting, and without knowing his report would be published, he writes "I again visited the Club meeting and after this second visit I feel a little more free to express my disappointments. So many approached me offering something for sale. Sort of slipping up on one's blind side, so to speak, and whispering in my ear as if they didn't have legitimate coins for sale. My two visits gave me the impression that 95 to 99 per cent of the membership was made up of people who spend considerable money in furthering their collections. Thus, they seem uninterested in a beginner which is quite natural. There seemed little cooperative spirit; probably for the same reason. Because so many members are older, with fine collections and authority on certain phases, I felt the club existed only pretty largely to give such members an outlet to talk about those things on which they were experts or authorities. About the same group of 6 or 7 out of the many there each time were the ones called upon to talk and express views or give information. Another unexpected experience was that members were secretive about how they went about securing information or not wanting to give away "trade secrets" (by trade I do not mean in trading coins but as it is used in business)."

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Stepping from the unrestraint of the mother to the discipline of the

school room a child naturally acquires a prejudice towards teachers. However, retrospection always brings to the fore one exception, one teacher who was different, and it was this exceptional teacher who got out the most of what the scholars had in them. She schooled with them instead of ruling over them. She showed faith in her scholars and the pupils returned that faith. She went along with them not over them. She made allowance for childhood lapses. She understood child nature and how to cultivate it. And that is how a coin club should be run. The old time experienced collectors should not dominate, let alone domineer, the meetings. They should be of it, not over it. They should take an intense interest, even though assumed, in a beginner's collection. They should not twit a novice's lack of coin knowledge. They should not pompously proffer advice, but consult with a new collector, thus sparing him of any sensitiveness about his lack of experience. They should, in as consultative a manner as possible, tip the inexperienced off to the pitfalls of the game, to the short cuts, giving information, not in an officious attitude but in a friendly chat. If the older members make it a point to be that "exceptional teacher" the scholars will respond, the meeting will be attended and enjoyed by the rank and file; and it is the rank and file, the private soldiers, that win battles. Make your meetings a school room, not a trading mart altogether.

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Always something taking the joy out of life; if it isn't one thing it is the gospel. Just about the time we kid ourselves into believing our exaggerated ego is self-assurance along comes joy killer and quotes Isaiah V-21 "woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight." About the time we get to estimating ourselves as some shucks some one asks "who are you?"

And so it is with coin clubs. The membership of a coin club represents

the average ego of all its members. About the time the members get to believing the Club is the town's boast Mr. Average Man says "never heard of it". This was aptly illustrated just recently. An envelope was addressed to a large coin club in a large city and returned to the writer stamped "cannot deliver—unknown". Even the Post Office department, which, supposedly, sees all and knows all was unaware of the club's existence.

A newly organized Western coin club anticipated just such a situation and forestalled the contingency by safeguarding against it. An index card of the club was prepared with the president's name, address and phone number and given to the "ask me" editor of the leading local newspaper telling and apprising him that if he was called on for numismatic information he could not easily furnish to S. O. S. the club. He was tickled to death. A similar card was sent the public librarian and she too was greatly pleased, for, as she said, there came in many inquiries about coins and this would help a lot. The Stamp Club gives annual week long exhibits in a prominent down town location which are largely patronized and receive much publicity. The coin club rented a booth in the exhibit and made a display of monies. The coin exhibit attracted much attention and received newspaper write-ups along with the Stamp Club. As a result the coin club, although not yet two years old, is one of the boasts of the city.

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To commemorate its 75th anniversary the Boston Numismatic Association has had struck a silver medal to be distributed to its members and certain numismatic associations throughout the world. There will be only a very limited number struck and there will be none for sale. Lots of water has gone over the dam since this club was organized in 1860. No doubt members of this Club, in their time, participated in the wars that freed the slaves, set Cuba free, and made the world safe for democracy. We offer congratulations to this "gentleman of the old school" from the home of the Boston Tea Party, The Boston Numismatic Association; may it love long and prosper.

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"As the twig is bent so grows the tree"—as the child is trained so grows the man. "Men are but grown up boys" and the impulses, actions and ambitions of the man are but reflections of the boy. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world"—the hand that wields the rod, the teacher, shapes it. The composite

habits and accomplishments of the adult world are the matured embryos of child-life, dependent for their measure of perfection on the efforts of the mother and the teacher. Our public welfare is in the ballot box but our destiny as a nation is in the cradle and the school. The complexes, impulses, habits of youth are retained through life, so it is the mother's duty to start early—and the teacher's duty to closely follow up—the training of the child's mind. Idleness is the breeding spot of mischief, so a child should be made to occupy its time. Of course "all work and no play makes Jack dull"; a child must play, but its playtime should be arranged so as to tune in on what otherwise would be idle time. The best toy or plaything for a boy is a hobby; it is one that is never tired of; and a hobby once acquired is never discarded, but carried through man's estate. Edison's boyhood hobby of inventing things lighted the world; the Wright boys' hobby of tinkering with things birded the air; Franklin's boyhood hobby of fooling with electricity lightning-rodged the homes. If a child has a worth-while hobby, encourage it, help him cultivate it; the more hobbies he has the better.

There is one hobby that should be taught every boy, the hobby of collecting old coins. He should learn early to know what money is, to become acquainted with money, familiar with it. He should be impressed with the fact that it is money that motivates the world, that it is a world necessity, that our industrial life, even civilization itself, is dependent on money; that money is not

a recent invention nor an early discovery, but was born at the dawn of civilization and evolved down the ages from animal skins to the present day commemorative coins.

The one prevailing fault of the average American is he does not know or appreciate the value or function of money; he grows up with the idea that money is merely something to spend, not something to utilize; that it is a luxury to enjoy, not a necessity to handle judiciously. Should

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It is the custom, and a happy one, for coin clubs to give annual banquets. It is the club's one holiday affair. Nothing is more conducive to good fellowship than for the members and their wives and sweethearts to gather around the board, to place their feet under the table and have good eats and sociable chats. Business routine is discarded, rivalry of the auction is forgotten, nothing to do but eat, smoke and enjoy. The annual banquet is the grown-up's Christmas dinner, carrying with it childhood's Christmas complaint, "It does not come often enough—entirely too long between eats!" It is one coin meeting where the lady visitors are not supposed to sit around and "be seen, but not heard."

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Do not keep your coins all huddled up together in a cigar box or a pocket-book for old man Friction to work on. Keep each coin separate in an envelope of some kind, and do not crowd them, give them plenty of breathing space. How do the ladies keep their silverware? They do not throw the pieces all together; indeed not; they clean each piece very carefully and place each piece in its proper niche so that they will not get scratched. Emulate the ladies insofar as keeping the coins separated.

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"Those who have hobbies rarely go crazy," says a psychiatrist. Coin collectors are not crazy, but using the term in its complimentary sense, they are all "crazy about their coins." Ask a collector to show and explain to you his collection and you will soon agree with me.

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There are plenty of collectors but too many dormant collections. Everyone has a collection, but too few add to them. Numismatists and coin dealers have for years endeavored to get out these stocking collections through advertising and news items, but it remained for the coin clubs to do the work. It is the personal contact between collectors, coin conversation, community interest, that is found in clubs that puts new interest in the hobby and sustains it. Coin collecting is "catching" and the club is the best place to "catch it." The higher-ups and the influentials of the numismatic field who are anxious to spread the gospel and make converts for their special "ism" should make it a point to encourage their big town clubs and to help organize and foster clubs in the smaller places.

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Cowper said "Absence of occupation is not rest; a mind quite vacant is a mind distressed." Occupy your leisure time with a hobby. Start a coin collection.

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"One cannot manage too many affairs"—Chinese. Someone translated this: "Like pumpkins in the water, one pops up while you pop down the other." Don't try to collect all the coins in the world at one time. Specialize on one coin until it stands on its own feet before taking on another.

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The A.N.A. convention will be held at Pittsburgh August 24 to 29. It is to be sincerely hoped the A.N.A. will revert to its early traditions and meet in deliberate conclave and not repeat the battle royal of 1934. Necessarily the officers have to run the organization and naturally they will at times differ in matters of policy, but there should be no differences in matter of purpose. The purpose of the A.N.A. as pronounced by its founders is to encourage, foster and spread the gospel of numismatics,

and the object of the annual conventions is to consult and adopt methods in pursuance with that purpose and not as an arena for disputant elements to air their petty personal grievances.

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Everyone has heard of the Swedish copper plates, but few are aware of the Russian copper plates. They are similar to the Swedish plates, being in one and half rubles. Prior to the world war there were only a couple of sets known and one of them got to this country and is now owned by T. James Clarke of Jamestown, New York.

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"Don't cross the mountain before you come to the molehill," advises Virginia Faulkner. Don't worry about a major collection before you have mastered your penny collection. So many beginners have the mistaken idea that the sole aim and purpose of coin collecting is eventually to have a collection of the rare rarities. This is not the sole purpose of numismatist. There are only from two to ten of some of our rarest coins; they are impossible to secure; do not waste time or lament fate about them. The most successful numismatist is not necessarily the one who has a collection of extreme rarities or a very large aggregation of scarcities. The most successful, and the happiest numismatist, is the one who collects what he understands and understands what he collects. A common garden weed is oftentimes more beautiful to a true botanist than the choicest hot-house plant. So, too, the "getting scarce" coin is often more interesting to a true collector than a "very rare" one. A coin represents to a student of numismatics, not rarity of numbers, but a symbol of "exchange" that has aided man in his upward march from barbarism to civilization; a symbol of industrialism that forced early mankind to exchange the power of brawn for the power of brain. Start with a few coins but start understandingly; study as you go along. Don't let your collection get ahead of your lessons; they should go pace and pace. The more you learn the more you will collect. Our most eminent and best beloved numismatists are those who have studied money all their lives and know their coins and impart their knowledge to others; they are the ones who have passed the molehills and reached the mountain peak. The knowledge of coins is more important than their possession, but possession will not necessarily bring knowledge. Study coins and let your collection grow as you go. Don't try to scale the heights before you have passed the molehills.

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Oregon Trail Half Dollar	Oregon Trail Memorial Association 95 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.
Maryland Half Dollar	Maryland Tercentenary Commission Union Trust Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
Texas Half Dollar	American Legion Texas Centennial Committee Box 671, Austin, Texas.
Arkansas Half Dollar	Arkansas Honorary Centennial Celebration Commission P. O. Box 1300, Little Rock, Ark.
Daniel Boone Half Dollar	Daniel Boone Bicentennial Commission Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky
Connecticut Half Dollar	Hartford National Bank and Trust Company Hartford, Conn.
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San Diego Half Dollar	California-Pacific International Exposition Commission San Diego, Calif.
Providence Half Dollar	Providence Tercentenary Commission 11 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island
Spanish Trail Half Dollar	Chairman, El Paso Museum Committee El Paso, Texas

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The Treasury Department does not distribute any of these special coins.

Provision Made for New Commemoratives



The El Paso, Texas, International Museum, is sponsoring a fifty-cent coin commemorating the 400th anniversary of the trek of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca over what is now the Old Spanish Trail. L. W. Hoffecker, coin collector of El Paso, had charge of the details, and spent three weeks in Washington helping get the bill passed for the coinage of the new issues. Mr. Hoffecker says:

"Being a coin collector and aware of all the objections being raised about the way these issues are being handled, I have tried to handle this issue so there will not be any dissatisfaction. We are only getting 10,000. There will be only one date, and all are to be issued at one mint. We are asking \$2 each which is the same as the Captain Cook issue."

The Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, submitted the following report to accompany the bill H.R. 6372:

"The Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6372) to authorize the coinage of fifty-cent pieces in connection with the Cabeza de Vaca Expedition and the opening of the Old Spanish Trail, having considered the same, report thereon with the recommendation that it do pass.

"The expedition of Pánfilo de Narváez to the North American Continent has been the source of considerable historical speculation. He sailed from Spain in June, 1527, with five ships and some 700 men. The winter of 1527-28 was spent in West Indian waters, where storm and disease reduced the expedition to 400 men and eighty horses. In the spring of 1528 De Narváez divided his forces, the greater portion of the expedition disembarked and under the leadership proceeded to explore the interior of the country.

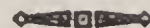
"De Narváez experienced many hardships on this journey. Food was scarce, the Indians unfriendly, the land marshy and heavily wooded, offering small means of sustenance. Horses were killed for food and the skins used for fresh-water bags to make possible a sea voyage. The remnant of the expedition put out to sea and sailed in rude boats along the shores of the present States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Food and water failing, the expedition landed to search for the means of subsistence. At sea many had died from privation and on land others were killed by the Indians.

"According to the best information obtainable, all the rude barges were lost at sea or wrecked on the coast. Only eighty men survived and these came together on an island off the coast of Texas in November, 1528. Death from various causes and slavery among the Indians separated and reduced the number of survivors during the succeeding six years to four Spaniards and a Negro.

"Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, treasurer of the De Narváez expedition, was one of these five survivors, and for the most part, we are indebted to him for the recorded story of the expedition and the adventures of the few who were eventually to reach the Spanish settlements of New Spain. The authenticity of the account of the expedition, the hardships endured, and the fact that these finally reached the settlements in the spring of 1536 have never been questioned.

"During the first winter after reaching the Texas coast the surviving Spaniards were parceled out among the Indians as slaves. Cabeza de Vaca began early to plan escape but, according to his narrative, delayed six years in the hope he might take with him his friend Lope de Oviedo.

Early Methods of Counterfeiters



"Late in the year 1534 all details were worked out for the escape and De Vaca with two friends and the Negro, all being survivors of the original De Narvaez expedition, made their way, with the help of friendly Indians whom they encountered, from an island—now generally believed to have been Galveston Island—across the continent to the settlements of New Spain. Some of our most eminent historians lay the route of Cabeza de Vaca through the present city of Alpine, Tex., and through the big bend country of the Rio Grande.

"Cabeza de Vaca was the first European to traverse this great wilderness and we believe his expedition should be fittingly commemorated by the issuance of the special coin provided by the bill under consideration.

"Assurance was given at the hearing that the museum committee will guarantee the entire issue and no coins will be returned to the Treasury. The enactment of this bill will result in no expense to the United States.

"Representative R. Ewing Thomason, of Texas, author of the bill, appeared before the committee and gave the members historical data in reference to the Old Spanish Trail as well as assured the committee there would be no expense to the Government if the bill was enacted into law."

President Roosevelt signed the bill.



Hudson, N. Y., Commemorative



A commemorative half dollar to mark the sesquicentennial of the incorporation of Hudson, N. Y., as a city was authorized by a bill in Congress which was signed by President Roosevelt on May 5th. The bill limited the coinage to ten thousand pieces.

Hudson was founded in 1783 by a group of fishermen from Nantucket who were seeking a port which would be free from pirates. These fishermen carried on an extensive business of whale fishing and they selected an inland port up the Hudson River about one hundred twenty miles from the Atlantic and it was named Hudson after the famous discoverer of the river which bears his name. The site selected had an ample harbor and was and still is the head of a natural thirty foot channel to the sea. Hudson was incorporated as a city on April 22, 1785, being the third city to be incorporated in New York State. In the years to follow ships from Hudson sailed the seven seas in quest of whales.

The coin has been designed by Chester Beach and was scheduled to be ready for distribution the latter part of June. It had been hoped that the profile of Hendrick Hudson could be used but, after research both here and abroad, no authentic likeness of Hendrick Hudson could be obtained. The design consequently will contain a picture of the "Half Moon," the boat in which Hendrick Hudson sailed, from a photographic copy obtained from Holland. On the other side of the coin will be the seal of Hudson, which is the spouting whale and the two great gods of the sea—an authentic tribute to the deep water heritage of Hudson.

EARLE T. GOODNOW, of the Village Studio, West Cummington, Mass., found the following letter among some old 1800 papers recently. It shows one manner in which early day counterfeiters worked—

"Dear Sir:

"No doubt when you first read this letter you will think I mean you harm, but I swear to you such is not my intention; if my confidential agent (who sent me your name) has made a mistake then please let matters drop and do not harm me for I write this in good faith, meaning to help you out of all money troubles you may be in. My business can be carried on by anyone who will devote a little time and attention to it, and I will guarantee that if you enter into this with me you will never regret it as long as you live for the article I deal in is (good) money that will go anywhere and everywhere. My stock is in sizes \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, and they are so perfect that they cannot be detected by the best experts in the world; there is plenty of money to be made and if you will only be guided by my advice and experience you will make a quick and sure fortune and no one on the face of the earth need be the wiser unless you betray me. My terms are 2,000 cost \$250, 3,000 cost \$300, 5000 cost \$400, 10,000 cost \$650, 20,000 cost \$650 worth and upwards. I will give you the Right of your State; 2,000 for \$250 is the smallest amount I will sell; the above terms are for our first deal so as to give you a good start for afterwards I will charge at the rate of 25 cents on the dollar. Now my friend if you wish to enter into this with me it will be absolutely necessary for you to come here to get the goods for I only deal face to face with my customers which is the only fair way of doing a business of this kind for then you see what you are buying and I see who I am dealing with. So do not ask me to meet you any other place as I cannot do so for I have to be in New York at all times to supply old customers, who are continually coming here for a new stock. I know it is a long journey for you to take but look at the immense profits with no risk and as far as the expense is concerned I always make a liberal allowance in the goods to cover that; if my goods are not perfect in every respect and if they cannot be handled and passed as the genuine, then I will pay all your expenses, and I give you \$1,000 in gold for your trouble; make up your mind to answer this and I will prove to you that

I am willing to assist others while, benefitting myself and to show you that I mean right by you, I will not ask one dollar of you until you have seen my whole stock, picked out what you want and have the goods in your possession, then you can pay me.

"When you answer this be sure to send me your name and post office address for I may lose the one I now have before hearing from you again, do not call at my address as I have a friend collecting my mail who knows nothing about my business, and as a mark of confidence I ask you to return this letter, and I will positively return yours. Make up your mind to come here and I will prove a profitable friend and in my next I will name a hotel for you to stop at and also full instructions how to know me, etc. I have never done business in your town, so it is to your advantage to answer this at once. Do not write to anyone else concerning this business for I am the only one that you can get these goods from direct, and I will not sell to anyone, who writes to others, besides myself, so be careful and return to me all letters you receive connected with this business. Trusting that you and I will become better acquainted. I remain yours in honor and confidence."

This was in the form of a circular letter and was mailed in a plain envelop from Northfield, Vt., to a party in East Barnard, Vermont, several years ago.



We glean from a recent press report that a French coin of date of 1853 had been found in the fossil beds near Cody, Wyoming. The writer said perhaps the coin was lost by someone in a group of French sportsmen who visited Col. W. F. Cody and hunted in the vicinity some thirty-five years ago. It is said that Col. Cody did much research work in the fossil beds while a resident there.



Auction Briefs

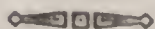


At an auction of the Wendell C. Foster collection recently, an octagonal gold coin minted in 1851 sold for \$155. A \$10 Colorado Pike's Peak gold piece minted in 1860 brought \$60.

A colonial coin, described as a Massachusetts willow tree six pence of 1652, sold for \$177.50.

But the lowly penny was not forgotten by the buyers. One minted in 1793 sold for \$55.

Recollections of an Old Collector



By THOMAS L. ELDER

Advances in Prices of Small U. S. Cents

THE coinage of small cents of such years as 1856, 1861, 1871, 1872, and 1877, was comparatively limited and the present supply extant is under the demand for the same, to complete sets. The 1856 eagle cent, of which there are quite a few varieties and patterns is, of course, in great demand. It, however, turns up very seldom today, and the wonder is it has not advanced to over \$20 per coin. No big offerings have come onto the market since the Leeds sale some twenty years ago. There is a variety with the date double struck which is a rarity, also there are two dies of the reverse of the kind which got into circulation, both of which were in the Boreky sale, held in June in New York. The prices of proofs of such dates as 1871, 1872 and 1877, have so advanced recently that it is certain they will soon reach \$5 per coin. They have gone over \$3 apiece already at auction, and retail price lists must soon note additional advances, as these coins are indispensable for filling out sets of small cents. Collectors must have them, which means further sharp advances are in prospect. In fact the writer expects to see \$10 per coin in the not far distant future for these proofs of small cents. The ones less rare, especially in proof state must follow also. Complete sets of proof small cents are now quoted at a dollar a coin. The latest issues of all the mints are much sought for and added by collectors to their collection. There seems literally a furore for small cents. The formation of sets is a favorite pursuit for beginners and boys at school also.

The Commemorative Series Collected

The demand for commemorative coins is unabated and in fact added to by the successive new issues which are coming onto the market, which will tend to make the scarcer old issues in more demand and sell for more money. The Alabamas, Van-couvers, the Hawaiians, the Panama Pacific and Missouri half dollars, as well as the Grant one with star are in greatest demand at present.

The gold also is in demand and as all those issues were very limited their prices should advance rapidly. One beautiful commemorative coin which has lagged behind in price for no good reason is the Sesquicentennial quarter eagle, which is among our most attractive gold coins. The Grants aren't selling high enough but will soon advance to where their

rarity entitles them to go. The writer remembers a funny incident connected with an early order he placed during the Alaska Yukon Fair when Lewis and Clark dollars were to be still had for six to ten dollars. He put a special delivery stamp on his letter. The bank cashier wrote him afterwards and thanked him for the trouble this had caused him as he had to get out of bed at two o'clock in the morning to get the letter. Far-ran Zerbe had charge of the Panama Exposition gold issues and the silver. He has had plenty of experience with commemorative coins.

The Premium List Racket

The government officials have come down on a flock of fake coin dealers, individuals who have by crooked advertising for rare coins sought to market their premium books, and has driven some of them to cover. The favorite method is to tell readers of newspapers and journals to save all U. S. coins before 1923 and send money for their invaluable coin guide. Now this would be all right if they expected to buy. The concerns which are advertising to buy all Indian head cents have a contract on their hands. There were only 108,000,000 Indian head cents coined in the year 1907 alone. Recently some of these seekers for Indian head cents have written the writer offering him Indian head cents from circulation for \$1.25 per hundred by the thousand. This shows their success in getting thousands of common Indian head cents in, in order to support their advertising. Indian head cents are desirable when in uncirculated or proof condition, but they are nowise rare in ordinary condition, and won't be for many years to come. The depression has brought forth many tricky advertisements for coins. Formerly these people used to add to the end of their advertising,—"It may mean your fortune." It won't mean anybody's fortune.

Wm. Von Bergen

Who remembers Wm. Von Bergen of that celebrated "Numismatic Bank of Boston, Mass?" He died many years ago. Von Bergen was an eccentric German, a large portly man stooped over in his old age who used to sell many thousands of books on coins, premium books. Some people said his books were not very fair in their advertising, but he secured some very rare pieces at a time when there were very few premium books in the field. The writer used to call on him at his residence, after he got

injured by an automobile and had closed up his Boston office. He secured some rare pieces from him, including an 1861 D. Mint gold dollar which he sold in one of his sales for \$230 at a day and time when those gold dollars were bringing big money. Von Bergen consigned the gold dollar for auction and it was bought by, if the writer recalls correctly, H. O. Granburg of Wisconsin. Granburg was formerly a big man in coins. The 1861 D. Mint gold dollar has an auction record of \$280, made in an old sale back about 1907. It has sold for various prices since, from \$150 upwards. Like some of our rarest gold coins the price has dropped from the top of years ago. Some other extreme rarities are due for a drop also when they are offered, coins like the Massachusetts and California \$5 pieces, which sold at the Lawrence Sale in 1929 for \$7900, a world's record for a coin of any kind. This piece found the market four months before the big slump of October 23, 1929, on the stock market, when countless fortunes tumbled to dust.



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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By* FRANK C. ROSS

CONGRESS is again contemplating coining half cents; back to the horse and buggy days? Or is it a scheme of the numismatists to secure more coins to play with? If it is decided to issue half cents, why not make them commemorative or souvenir coins, changing the type each year?

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On page thirty-eight of the June, 1933 *HOBBIES*, is an account of Frank W. Osborn's (Kansas City) biblically arranged stamp collection. Mr. Osborn has since then gone numismatic. The coin club members were rather amused at first at the haphazard way, as they then supposed this beginner bought foreign coins. Buying madly, it seemed, without the extenuating excuse of any method in his madness. But now, after six months, the members all "take their hats off to him," for his collection is the pride and boast of the club. Each coin in his collection, Noah's Ark he calls it, has on it an animal, bird, reptile or fish.

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"It is the difference of opinion," said Mark Twain, "that makes horse racing." It is this same difference in tastes that makes collecting interesting. If everyone chose to collect the same thing the available supply of that one thing would soon run out and leave the big majority of collectors high and dry. Fortunately tastes differ. The list of things collectible is well nigh inexhaustible. "Great minds run in the same channel," and hobbyists being of great minds travel the same collecting stream. Fortunately they do not all want to ride on the same boat. If they did the boat would soon capsize. Some prefer the big boat Philatelic, some embark on the reliable old brig Antique, others enjoy the good ship Numismatics. Each to his choice. And fortunately, too, those riding the same boat do not all wish to promenade the same deck or bunk in the same cabin; consequently, there is elbow space for all. The good old

boat Numismatics with its many decks and cabins accommodates all its passengers with room to spare. Some promenade what is known as the Paper deck, others the Silver deck, while some prefer the Gold deck. The cabins are spacious and handsomely furnished, and are known by names instead of numbers. On the Silver deck we find such cabin names as the Dollar, Half, Quarter and Dime. It is well that numismatistry hasn't a one track mind. If all numismatists centered their interest, for instance, in the dollar, there would not be enough of the coins to go around, not enough to even make a start, thus leaving most of the collectors out in the cold. Suppose there were only one hundred dollars of one date available with fifty thousand collectors bidding for them. The one hundred owners of that date would hold on to them and the other forty thousand and nine hundred collectors would go out of business, or rather would never be able to enter. Scarce coins could not be secured for love or money and rarities could not be bought with love and money. It is surprising how varied is the taste in coin collecting. Some collect as to dates regardless of condition while some collect as to condition regardless of dates; some collect only gold coins, some paper, some silver, while a great many prefer copper, bronze or brass; some prefer colonials, others Revolutionary and other tokens; some like bank period; some specialize in medals notes, others Confederate currency; halves, quarters and the subsidiaries have their devotees; quite a few delight in picking up "freaks," such as over-dates, broken dies, mis-stamps. There is no accounting for tastes; each to his own culinary favorite. "It takes all kinds of people to make a world"; all kinds of collectors to make numismatics, as a universal hobby, possible. To repeat Mark Twain, "It is all in the difference of opinion." For a good trip, a long trip, a never-to-be-forgotten one, get aboard the good ship Numismatics,

select your deck, reserve your favorite cabin, and float down the channel with the other great minds. Don't stand on the shore and "watch the come 'round the bend"; get aboard and ride the bend.

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Mary had a little dime and it was smooth as glass; no matter whither Mary went, this dime she could not pass. Now Mary went to church one day, all thought it passing strange; she put the smooth dime in the plate and took out nine cents change.

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"The best laid plans of man going awry" is especially true as to numismatists; there is always something turning up to upset fixed calculations. After fifty years of statistical reckoning old Pariah, the trade dollar, had been perched away in his statistical niche, with his dates, mints and numbers all permanently catalogued, and his market price stabilized. Now comes news that China is resurrecting a lot of "good Pariahs" that were, supposedly, buried and forgotten long, long ago. If true, statistics will have to be revised and prices readjusted. The following is a paragraph from an article appearing in the Buffalo News:

"Of recent years the Chinese government has been minting its own dollars and foreign coins have become rare. But the rise in the price of silver, a consequence of the policy of the Roosevelt administration, has had the effect of bringing many forgotten coins out of hiding. Thus it is reported from Kiangsi that Carolus dollars and American trade dollars again have made their appearance in the province. The addition of these coins to circulation increases the available supply, which has been short because of smuggling. But should the price of silver continue to rise, these coins again will disappear. Persons who have them will ship them out of the country so as to take advantage of the high price commanded by silver at the present time.

Little coins and medals, little rounded discs, make a coin collection to please numismatists; little slips of paper, little green-back bills help the coin collectors to fill up their tills.

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On July 11 the Philadelphia Coin Club held its first meeting and got off to an auspicious start. This club was organized by representative business men and great things are expected of it. 1935 bids fair to be a banner year for new clubs organized. This speaks well for the numismatic hobby. This regimentation of coin collectors into coin clubs is the best thing possible for numismatics. It is hoped the new Philadelphia Coin Club will live up to predictions and be a "big gun" in short order.

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If club meetings are not well attended, maybe it is the fault of the officers and not the members. Members go to meetings for an evening's diversion, not to be bored. They want to contact fellow members, not listen to long harangues about petty affairs that should be settled amongst the officers. There is nothing more boring than listening to some officer talk "just to hear himself talk." Meetings should start right on the dot; the necessary preliminaries should be as brief as possible; if papers are read they should be short, interesting and to the point and not long, dry, statistical time consumers and sleep producers; place the display coins on the table and then make way for the visitors to view them; you have seen them before, they haven't; while the visitors are enjoying the display is the time for the members to do their visiting and chatting; start the auction sale early. If the club adopts the motto, "In at eight, out at ten thirty," the attendance will take care of itself.

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After once getting the "feel" of the car one drives his auto with more ease and confidence. This "feel" of the car he mistakes for a superior dependability over all other cars of like make and age; "my car is just a little better than any other." This "feel" is not superiority, it is friendship, companionship. The car and owner become friends and one has more confidence in a friend than in a stranger. With his friendly car one relaxes, takes it easy, drives with confidence, and his drive is a rest not a job. A man's "feel", due to close companionship, for his own modest dwelling, his cheap but cozy furniture, his own home folks, his stray dog, eliminates all envious or rancorous feeling towards his more pretentious neighbor. It is not merely the size of the house, the intrinsic value of the things that go with it,

that makes for the happy home, but the "feel" of them. It is well this is so, else it would be a world of blasted hopes in lieu of contented homes. It is this "feel" that gave birth to that immortal, "Be it ever so humble there is no place like home." And so it is with a man's coin collection; he develops a "feel" for it. It is his friend, his companion, one of his family. Its size makes no difference; it's the "feel" not the size that counts. There is no room in his heart for enviousness or rancor; he is proud of, not jealous of his neighbor's larger collections; nor is he derisive of a neighbor's smaller one. It is well this is so, else the coin collecting hobby would "go by the board," a victim of envy and rancor. I have yet to hear a small collection derided or a large collection belittled; a coin collection is appraised by the "feel" of its owner, not by a monetary yard stick. The enjoyment, the contentment one gets out of his collection depends altogether on the "feel."

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An Americanized German in relating some of his experiences while touring Germany during the inflation period said: "At all hotels it was compulsory to charge alien tourists fifty percent more than home folks. Being a fluent German linguist I tried to pass as a German citizen and save the fifty percent cover charge. The first hotel turned me down because of my American clothes. With a new suit of clothes "made in Germany" I was again turned down because of my American shoes. With the new shoes added I tried it again but my American suit case was spotted. I bought a new suit case only to be baffled by my wife's American clothes. Both of us garbed with everything German from head to foot fared better at the next stop; we passed the censorship of the hotel register and were assigned rooms. I complimented American ingenuity and resourcefulness over German thoroughness but I cackled before the egg was laid. I was presented at departure with a bill at alien rates. My remonstrance was met with 'native Germans never use the American words—well, well—yes and no.' I gave up. I might shed my American toggery but I could not rid myself of American mannerisms."

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It is often asked "what controls the premiums on coins?" In a general sense it is the scarcity of the coin, but the scarcity does not set the price for all the coins of a particular date. You may read a dime of 18—is worth \$5. This does not mean all the dimes of 18—are worth \$5. The price of \$5 is a sort of measuring stick, a basis to work from. If the coin is less than good

condition the price will range down from \$5; if in better than good the price will range upward.

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The Confederate half dollar is one of our rarest pieces. It too is probably the most unique, bearing the imprint of two warring nations, the North and South. Some contend there were but four of these coins minted, although there are many re-strikes. Jefferson Davis is credited with having owned one, it being stolen from him, so it is claimed, while he was a prisoner of Uncle Sam.

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Many ask "what is meant by bed-time stories of the money children?" It means just that. Money talks. Money is not inanimate, it is human. The old coins tell the money children fairy tales and legendary lore of the Pine Tree shilling, Martha Washington dimes, Franklin pennies, Orphan Annie dimes, 1804 dollars, Confederate halves, and many, many others. If you do not believe that money talks, that money is human, start a collection and convince yourself.

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Metallurgy is subdivided into three families, the Goldbugs, the Silverites and the Coppers. The Goldbugs are the aristocrats, the Silverites the middle class and the coppers make up the lower strata. The Goldbugs have of late taken their aristocracy so seriously that they have secluded themselves and refuse to mingle with the common herd. The Silverites resent this aristocratic action of the Goldbugs and are making a fight to

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place both families on the same social level. The Coppers, the poor that we always have with us, flattered by the attention received the past five years, also have aspirations. However, Papyrus, non-de-plumed the Greenbaeks, forgetting for the moment her only bid for fame is her hard-money backing, threatens to enlist the help of the Presses and put all the warring metallurgists out of business.

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What has become of the agitators who were so clamorous for the coining of a three-cent piece? The pros claimed the new coin would bring five-cent articles down to three cents and the cons theorized it would raise the one-cent articles to three cents. Between the two the matter died aborning.

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It is to be hoped some numismatic scholar will prove the existence of the 1804 dollar. The coin is a myth one expert surmises and so now the question arises is the famous old dollar only just a hoax that has taken in us common folks?

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The present generation speak of elderly men as "gentlemen of the old school." Will the future generations refer to the men of today as "old gentlemen of the new deal."

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The country discovers that money, like water, is valuable only when distributed. Brisbane.

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a big hole through Miss Liberty's head, made all the worse by a big plug of lead; two figures are missing from what once was a date, and the remaining two figures are hard to translate; the lettering is nil and the types about gone. In fact, you'd be considered a disreputable old coin. But then I have carried you so many, many years; you have shared in my joys, my woes and my fears; you've been glad when I was happy and sad when I sorrowed; you joyed when I was flush and wept when I borrowed. I am sure when I reach the old age of "sureease" I still will be carrying my old pocket piece.

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A house divided is bound to tumble on its occupants. There is no danger of the roof falling on the members of a coin club. There is no

division in a coin club family. Each member is expected to bring coins for inspection, to view other exhibits and to talk all he pleases. There is nothing to divide about.

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"The fifth wheel" used to mean something useless. That is now changed with the advent of the auto; the fifth or spare wheel is a prime necessity, an insurance policy against "not-getting-home." A duplicate coin is considered the fifth wheel of a collection; if you have one, trade it off.

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A miss is as good as a mile—and a kiss is much better than a smile.

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Little coins of silver, little coins of gold, make a coin collection if the coins are old.

MONEY TALKS

PRESTON C. POND of Chicopee, Mass., writes that he notes quite a few United States notes with "Inverted Backs," backs printed upside down.

Many of these discrepancies occurred during the World War when inexperienced help had to be called into the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing to meet the heavy demands for new currency.

Mr. Pond says also that he has more than forty in his collection of several issues and denominations from one dollar to twenty both large and small size, all of which were passed in by customers and caught by tellers in his local bank. Mr. Pond further believes that it is not wise to pay much of a premium for these because occasionally they show up at this late date.

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THERE was not nearly enough of the Hudson Sesquicentennial half dollars to go around. The First National Bank and Trust Company of Hudson, N. Y., had charge of the distribution of these commemorative pieces. There has been a rumor that the issue of ten thousand pieces was cornered by speculators. However, that is not true, writes Wendover Neefus, stamp dealer of Hudson. He says that he is reliably informed that the total of orders of over 10 coins to a person did not exceed 200, and that the balance of 8000 was widely distributed. Mr. Neefus says also:

"The local people were slow in responding to the opportunity of getting a coin of this type until the statement by President Roosevelt, of his belief that no further commemorative coins should be issued, was published in our local papers. Then

the demand increased, and there were actually lines waiting to purchase the coins."

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WILL REINHARDT, Indianapolis, Ind., sends a thought this month which we pass along:

"I don't consider a proof coin superior in worth to one that has been out in the battle of life and is still a good coin, readable, etc. Any of the boys who want to throw away those old soldiers, and keep their generals there is a Soldier's Home here for them. If these old soldiers could only talk where would your proof generals be? On page 79 of your June issue—please tell Mr. Welo that I have an old soldier (silver dollar if you please) older than 1796. Could he but talk, \$25,000 wouldn't buy him."

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A VERMONT writes: "According to a book now long out of print by Miller-Ryder, (printed about 1880 and reprinted about 1908 by American Numismatic Society, N. Y.). Vermont was the first state to issue its own coinage. Vermont issued cents in 1785. Connecticut did also in 1785, but according to Miller-Ryder, Vermont issued them first. Scott's 1934 Catalogue of Early American Coins places Vermont first in this listing of state coins.

"There are four year dates of these Vermont cents, 1785, 6, 7 and 8. There are about eight major varieties with several more minor ones."

The Vermonter suggests a commemorative coin to celebrate this event, with proceeds dedicated to a memorial fund to mark the burial places of the two prominent citizens, Calvin Coolidge and Ethan Allen. But

since President Roosevelt's disapproval of commemoratives in the coin field, that is probably out of the question. However, there may be other ways in which the state can celebrate the occasion.

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AS a permanent souvenir of the 300th anniversary the Boston Common Tercentenary Committee has just issued a souvenir medal bearing on one side an illustration of the ancient tri-mountain that the Puritans found dominating the area where the Common and Beacon Hill are now. On the hill that took its name was the "Beacon", erected to give night warning to the settlers of approaching danger.

At the foot of the "mountaine", as shown in the design, was the house built by Rev. William Blackstone, first white settler and lone resident from about 1625. He owned the Common and sold his property to the people of the town for \$150, which was paid for by taxation. (The present value of the 48 acres of Boston Common, as set down on the city assessors' books, is \$45,700,000.)

The three-peaked elevation, greatly reduced in height, is now Boston's Beacon Hill, with the Massachusetts State House occupying the highest point.

The reverse of the coin is a reproduction of the famed "Pine Tree Shilling" of 1652, coined by John Hull, the mint-master, who, when he gave his daughter Hannah in marriage to Chief Justice Samuel Sewell, is said to have given also "her weight in pine-tree shillings". His coinage was the first such money produced by the Colonists, an early token of independence.

The medals are issued in two styles, one of oxidized silver finish, which sells for 25c and one of nickel that sells for 10c.

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A RECENT report from Washington states that the greatest flow of small coins in history is pouring from Uncle Sam's mints to supply an unprecedented demand. Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, director of the bureau of the mint, says that people are calling for pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and half-dollars in such quantities that the country's three great mints—at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco—have been running at 24 hours a day under the "heaviest pressure" ever known. Mrs. Ross believes that reviving business is the biggest factor in the vastly increased need for coins.

In fact, the mints had one of the busiest years in their history in the fiscal twelve month ending June 30.

The treasury reports a domestic output of 608,414,207 pieces of currency, valued at \$39,131,127. The

largest calendar year production in the last decade occurred in 1929, when the output was 385,582,950, with a value of \$54,225,400. This, however, included gold coinage, since abandoned.

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WHEN the *Indianapolis News* decided to feature an article against the argument that the crying need of today is for a greater abundance of currency as a medium of exchange, the editor showed, by referring to the collection of Wildcat Bank Notes of John Holcomb of Greensburg, Indiana, that the same contentions were advanced with equal fervency in the thirties and forties.

Mr. Holcomb is said to have the finest collection of wildcat money in Indiana. According to a list compiled by Mr. Holcomb, at least 205 banks, railroad companies, and canal companies issued paper money against their own solidarity in the period from 1815 to 1855, or later.

At the town of Lexington in Scott County, a currency factory flourished. The Indiana Manufacturing Company was formed there June 7, 1815, under the existing corporation laws, and orders were put out for printing \$10 certificates against thin air just as fast as the Cincinnati presses would roll. The downstate market soon was flooded with Indiana Manufacturing Company notes which the holders sifted in the winds when their true worthlessness became known. As a result, one of these notes today carries a high value as a relic, but not for the property or hereditaments against which it originally was issued a century ago.

Lack of sufficient metallic money caused several educational institutions of the state, including the University of Notre Dame, to issue "college currency." Mr. Holcomb recalled that Danville Normal also had its college currency, redeemable at the college bookshop for stationery, books and notions.

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WHEN Amelia Earhart visited Chicago several weeks ago she was given the Balbo medal of the Italian government, by Giuseppe Castruccio, Italian consul general in Chicago. Miss Earhart, was given the medal for her aviation exploits of the last two years.

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PRESIDENT Roosevelt sent a letter to the house and senate banking and currency and coinage committees in June suggesting that medals instead of money be struck for commemorative occasions. Accompanying the letter was a bill approved by the treasury, which would carry out the medal idea.

It is said that during the 1920-30 decade, 15 issues of special 50-cent

pieces were struck, totaling 13,000,000. In 1930 President Hoover vetoed a special coin bill, and until 1933 the practice was curbed. But with the New Deal, the lid was off again. Since 1933, nine new issues have been authorized, one every three and fraction months, notwithstanding the fact that in each case the Treasury reported adversely. Many bills and proposals for new coins are now pending in Congress.



A Vet Asks



Indianapolis, Ind.—Having been a recruit in the ranks of collecting anything and everything and being a new subscriber to HOBBIES, I want to ask, why, on certain types of United States coins in general use every day the eagle glares a defiant look in the direction of the olive branch which represents peace instead of glaring defiantly toward the arrows that represent War?

Seems to me (I am a war veteran) that shows poor judgment on the part of designers and ought to be reversed. We had a similar case in our city here with the World War Memorial Commission. After erecting a marble monument on the World War Plaza in commemoration of the World War veterans of Indiana, the commission placed four captured cannon, one at each of the four corners of the plaza and pointed the cannons toward the monument. A great howl and protest arose from the veterans and after a good deal of argument pro and con the commission reversed the cannons and pointed them away from the monument.

Also, take a look at some liberty seated coins of U.S.A.. A question arises in my mind whether Liberty should look forward or backward (In this case she looks backward). You all know that Liberty is born or created by looking forward. In looking backward Liberty sees where it was created.—Will Reinhardt.

COINS, NOTES, Etc.

Latest issues of commemorative silver, uncirculated half dollars, Maryland, Texas, Connecticut, Arkansas and '35 Boone, @ \$1.25
'34 Boone, '35 "S and D" mint, Boones, @ 1.85
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Recollections of An Old Collector



By THOMAS L. ELDER

Commemorative Coin Ban

THE theory of scarcity, it seems is to be applied to Commemorative Coins. Ever since the first commemorative half dollar appeared in 1892 commemorative coins, like commemorative stamps, have had great popularity with collectors—and it has come as a shock to numismatists that administration officials have opposed the issuance of any more of them. To say that “they cause confusion” is not an argument against them, however, the fact that several speculators tried to buy up a few portions of them. We feel like asking Mr. Farley why he should not, for such reasons, order the discontinuance of commemorative stamps. That request would not go across for each new issue of stamps nets Uncle Sam a tidy sum for stamps which are never used but are at once taken from circulation, and the money they are sold for represents almost a 100% gain to the Postoffice Department. The agitation against commemorative coins is just about as practical as the theory of scarcity of the Agricultural Department with processing taxes on hogs, and cotton. Penalizing the people and cotton industry to the extent of half a billion or more dollars each year, ruining the export market as well as the domestic, and forcing consumers to pay through the nose for ham, pork, bacon and cotton goods. The response of business is numerous suits to restrain A.A.A. from functioning proves what a puzzling age we live in.

Napoleon Had an Ego

Napoleon Bonaparte, perhaps the most medaled ruler in history, stated to be one of the three greatest men who ever lived, had a passion for medal making, with himself the main theme. His numerous coin issues picture him first as Premier Consul, Emperor of the Republic (to please all factions) and finally as Emperor and King of Italy. He issued many types of coins—pattern coins, trials and essays in gold, silver and copper. He presented sets of his medals to rulers whom he favored. The King of Portugal got a set of one hundred varieties of his medals in silver, sold in the original box in the Senter Sale in New York. It brought less than one hundred dollars. His medals embrace about a thousand dies, struck usually to his order. “For he himself hath said it and its greatly to his credit.”

The Quest for Small Cents

The Borcky Sale, which contained numerous small U. S. Cents, made some new record prices for these coins at auctions. The proof small cents of 1872 and 1877, without which dates, no set is complete, fetched in proof condition \$3.25 apiece, putting those dates in a class with the scarcer dates, like 1794, 1809 and 1811 in large cents. Some few dates of the mintmarks like 1914 S. and 1922 D. are rare and bring good prices when they are uncirculated. In “horse and buggy days”, which were not without virtues and had no income taxes, the 1872 and 1877 cents seldom brought more than a dollar, while today, with new mints added, the pursuit for small cents waxes keen.

The Three and Five Cent Coins

At the Borcky Sale in New York some big prices were registered in the prices of three cent silver proofs and for five cent nickel coins. The three cents silver of 1864 a proof sold for \$7, while three and five cent nickel coins of 1877, the rarest date sold for good prices, \$6 to \$7.50 apiece. The best proof 2c piece of 1873 sold for about \$7. It has a sales record of \$9.50 made in New York in May. All of which proves the few rarest dates of any class of small coins have good prospects for still further advances.

Egypt and Babylon Had No Coins

The greatest city of antiquity, Babylon with its walls, towers, and its forty miles of circumference, rose, prospered, worshipped, feasted, worked, traded, and fought and then perished—all without coins. Its metals of gold, silver and iron were weighed. The shekel was already known, not as a coin but as a weight. It all proves coins were useful but not indispensable. Its inscribed tablets and cones and cylinder scales are found this day in perfect condition as when made. Egypt was long on beads and amulets but had no coins although the beads from their quantity, sizes, colors, and materials, varying from pottery and glass to emerald and ruby and gold, must have been used as a medium of exchange the same as wampum among the Indians. King Tut's body was found surrounded by priceless ornaments, jewelry and beads, some of them of amber, their counterparts, genuine antiques of a rich topaz color are in existence today. Speaking of Babylonian relics, a solid gold armlet or

bracelet was sold in New York at the American Art Assn. in 1922. This item was almost unique. And it was sold as an inscribed stone cone cylinder of Nebuchadnezzar, mentioning perhaps the tower of Babel. This item was large and in perfect state and was bought for about three hundred and fifty dollars by William Randolph Hearst.

Suggests a New Cent Design

Our coin designs can be changed every twenty-five years. Our present cent coin was adopted in 1909, hence could be changed today. Not that we dislike Lincoln or what he stands for. Lincoln was some man, only, variety is the spice of life. I suggest the head of Franklin, that great American who made some of our very first coin designs during the Revolution, while he was minister to France, namely the Fugio Dollar and Fugio Cent with Sun dial and linked chain. Many people regard Franklin as the second greatest American, second to Washington only. What about a new cent design readers? I'm for it. Think of the nice new mintmarks, etc!

Sale Echoes — A Quarter Dollar for \$375

At Salem, New York, a quarter dollar of the United States, a proof restrike, sold for \$375 to an unknown buyer. It shows there are a few collectors left who notwithstanding depression conditions were willing to invest \$375 in a single coin. A fifty dollar gold coin of a rare variety brought \$370. It was coined by Augustus Hamket in 1851. Some of the rare gold coins are holding very well in prices. An 1806 quarter eagle sold for \$100, while an uncirculated Half Eagle of 1834, with motto, went for \$200. The four days sale totaled \$15,500.00 a quite respectable figure. But don't forget we have today a fifty-nine cent dollar with some prospects of its becoming a fifty cent dollar. It is now off 40% and that is bad enough—what will it do to coins at 50c?



A.N.A. Convention Meets in Pittsburgh



The A.N.A. Convention meets August 24 to 29 in Pittsburgh. Convention headquarters are the Webster Hall Hotel. Business meetings of the group will be held in Carnegie Institute, and Carnegie Museum has set aside two rooms for the exhibition. One room is to be devoted to paper money, and the other coins and medals.

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I Lost His Coins—He Must Have Thought I Was A Thief

By ALDEN SCOTT BOYER



IT was fifteen years ago. I was cataloging around \$450 worth of rare coins that I had bought. I did not finish the job and shoved the coins into my desk. That night burglars broke into my office and cracked my four safes, ransacked my desk, and stole the \$450 worth of coins. After that, I made it a rule never to leave any rare coins in my desk—I hid them at once,—remembering the burglary.

It was three years afterward—twelve years ago—when G. Hayes of the Firestone Rubber Company brought me two old silver small Greek coins to value for him. I did not recognize them or know their value. I told Mr. Hays to leave them with me and I would have them attributed, and find out their value.

A few weeks passed and the meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was at hand. I looked for the coins. I could not find them. Then Mr. Hays began to ask for their return. I searched my office high and low. I searched my home. I went through my safe deposit box. Time went on. I never found the coins. Mr. Hays was courteous but naturally he wanted his coins back. As I could not find them I offered to pay him for them. I wrote to the American Numismatic Society in New York, asking them how to act in such a case. I did not know what the coins were. Howland Wood, curator of the A.N.S. suggested in absence of other information that I pay Mr. Hays a dollar apiece for the coins.

Mr. Hays was not interested because the man who gave them to him had told him that they were very valuable. More time went on. Some three years had passed. Mr. Hays demanded his coins. I could not give them to him. Then nine more years passed and I heard no more from the gentleman.

The other day I decided to check over a small cabinet of import samples that has stood in my office for years. At the bottom of one of the drawers there was a small folded piece of wrapping paper. I opened it. It contained Mr. Hays' coins. Over the long period I had forgotten the man's name. I remembered that he worked for Firestone. I got out a tin box in my vault labeled "Coin Information". In the box I found Mr. Hays' past letter. I called Firestone's office and asked if he still worked there. I was told—"Yes", and he called on me recently, and I

gave him back the coins. He said, "Really, what are the coins worth?" I said, "Mr. Hays I consider the true numismatic value, now that I have seen them, to be not over a dollar apiece."

He said, "I truly believed these coins to be of great intrinsic value." I was greatly relieved.

After this incident I made it a rule never to hold a coin brought to me for valuation, under any circumstances. I learned a good lesson. The fact was this: I had hidden the coins in a new place and hid them so well that I forgot the place where I put them. I hope that no other coin collector has an experience like this one of mine. It sure is a "mark" against you if you accept coins and lose them, as I did. Especially when they belong to a non-collector who may imagine the coins are worth a snug fortune. Yes it is a true "mark" agin you.—Alden Scott Boyer.



Special Coins to be Issued for Sales Tax Needs



A recent dispatch from Washington, D. C., states that Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, with the approval of President Roosevelt, will ask congress for authority to mint half cent and one mill coins in order to meet the needs of state sales taxes.

The new coins, though designed to meet situations brought about by the Illinois and 16 other states sales taxes, are to circulate generally as money of the United States, and probably will be used in payment for articles marked with a fraction of a cent.

It is stated that the new half cent piece will be made from copper and will be slightly smaller than a penny; it will be the first coin of its kind minted in the United States since 1857. The one mill piece, unique in the monetary history of the country, will be the same size as the half penny piece, but will be made of an aluminum alloy.

Twenty-two states and New York City have sales taxes, 16 of them on a flat percentage basis, the treasury says.



Commemoratives Abroad



The Royal Mint of Sweden has been ordered to strike commemorative 5-kroner pieces in honor of the 500th

anniversary of the formation of the Riksdag at Vesteras, at which time the government was changed from electoral to hereditary and King Gustav I's eldest son, Erik, was declared successor to the crown. Prof. Erik Lindberg, government coin and medal engraver, has been elected to draw up the design which is to show a likeness of King Gustav V on the obverse, and the Three Crowns, the symbol of Swedish unity from the government seal, will appear on the reverse. This will be the first 5-kroner piece ever issued in Sweden.

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The Island of Mauritius has issued a series of three silver coins in honor of King George's jubilee.

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The speed with which it may be spent is a reminder that it is a streamlined dollar, whether old or new.—*Boston Evening Transcript*.

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Speaking of the new colony in Alaska it is said that the "wives handle the purse strings". Before the days of the handy bank families carried their hoard in a large leather pouch fastened at the end with a string. This is the origin of "handling the purse strings".

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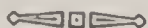
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TOKEN NOTES



A Dictionary of the Satirical and Political Allusions on the Tokens of the Jacksonian Era

By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

"A Friend to the Constitution"

Probably refers to Webster. His activities in the Dartmouth College case, his reply to Hayne, and his defense of the United States Bank won for him the title of "Expounder of the Constitution."

"Am I Not a Woman and a Sister?"

This token was a form of anti-slavery propaganda. Slavery was by this time definitely in politics.

"Andrew Jackson, President"

Andrew Jackson was president from 1829 to 1837.

"A Plain System Void of Pomp"

Probably refers to Jackson's financial policy. Jackson was sometimes referred to as "King Andrew." There were fears that the liberties of the country might be threatened by the control of the purse and sword by the executive.

"Bentonian Currency"

With the decline of the U. S. Bank there arose many state banks with unreliable note issues. To counteract them and restore the soundness of the circulating medium, Jackson and Benton sponsored the issue of gold coins from 1834 and after. These coins were popularly known as "Benton Mint Drops," "Yellow Jackets," and "Jackson's Yellow Boys."

"Benton Experiment"

This alludes either to the "Bentonian Currency" or the proposed Independent Treasury system which Benton advocated. It was first proposed in 1837, but was not enacted until July 4, 1840. At the time of its signing, he proposed the toast: "The Fourth of July, 1776, and the Fourth of July, 1840. The former gave us a Declaration of Independence from European government; the latter gave us an Act of Independence from the government of moneyed corporations."

"Constitution"

Jackson was accused of assuming powers not granted him by the Constitution which served the Whigs as campaign material. The idea of inscribing the word on a ship came about as a result of the famous frigate "Constitution."

"E Pluribus Unum"

These words are taken from the Great Seal of the United States where they are found on a scroll held in the beak of the American eagle. The expression means "one

from many"; that is, one nation from many states. A good approximation of the seal can be found on many of the coins.

"Executive Experiment," Also "Executive Financiering"

The sub-treasury system advocated by Van Buren.

"Experiment"

Can be interpreted to mean either the sub-treasury system or Jackson's financial policy. The term is in several instances inscribed on a wrecked vessel.

"Fiscal Agent"

A state bank used as a depository of government funds.

"Fellow Citizens, Save Your Constitution," Also "For the Constitution Hurra!"

Jackson was accused by the Whigs of exceeding his Constitutional powers. They used this accusation as part of their campaign material and symbolized it by the use of miniature frigates of the "Constitution."

"Flourish Credit, Flourish Industry"

Jackson's opponents felt that his financial policy was a menace to prosperity.

"Gulian C. Verplank—Our Next Governor"

G. C. Verplank was a Congressman from 1825 to 1833, and a member of the New York legislature a few years later. The token referring to him was issued in 1834 either by a small faction of the Whig party or else issued as a political prank. The tone of an article that appeared on May 2, 1835, in "The Times," New York, seems to add support to the latter opinion. Wm. H. Seward was the generally accepted Whig candidate for governor of New York in 1834 and 1838.

"I Follow in the Steps of My Illustrious Predecessor"

This statement is caricatured with a device showing a jackass going along leaving footsteps behind him. The jackass is to represent Jackson, while Van Buren is the one to follow in the footsteps. The source of the statement seems to be Van Buren's inaugural address from which I quote the following: "The practice of all my predecessors imposes on me an obligation I cheerfully fulfill—to accompany the first and solemn act of my public trust with an avowal of the principles that will guide me in performing it and an expression of my feeling on assuming a charge

so responsible and vast. In imitating their example I tread in the footsteps of illustrious men, whose superiors it is our happiness to believe are not found on the executive calendar of any country."

"I Take the Responsibility"

There was much opposition to the independent treasury which would be controlled by the president because, said Clay, "Public funds would be unsafe in the hands of public officers; the perilous union of the purse and the sword so justly dreaded by our British and Revolutionary ancestors would become absolute and complete; it might indeed be that the Senate of the United States would be obliged humbly to implore some future president to grant it money to pay the wages of its own doorkeeper."

"LL. D."

Refers to the degree of Doctorate of Laws conferred upon Jackson by Harvard College in 1833. His enemies made much ridicule of the title.

"Loco Focos"

Another name for the Equal Rights faction of the Democratic party in New York State. They were especially opposed to monopoly and special privilege. The name came about as the result of a meeting held in Tammany Hall in 1835 during which an attempt was made by the opponents to break up the meeting by putting out the gaslights. However, the members were prepared for such an emergency; for "in a moment the platform was lined with fifty sperm lights." Since the candles were lighted by means of loco foco matches, their opponents called them by that name.

"Martin Van Buren — The People's Choice"

Van Buren was the Democratic candidate for re-election in 1840. His opponent was Wm. H. Harrison, the Whig candidate.

"Millions for Defense, But Not One Cent for Tribute"

In 1797 John Marshall, Elbridge Gerry, and Charles Pinckney were sent to France to carry out certain negotiation. However, before the negotiations were begun, they were interviewed by three secret agents of Talleyrand, the foreign minister, who asked a bribe of \$250,000, as one of the preliminaries to the negotiations. Our envoys refused; and since they could make no headway, they returned home where the motto of "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute" characterized the response of the nation to the astounding news. In history the incident is referred to as the "X, Y, Z affair." The same motto was used during the Algerian War.

"Mint Drop"

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\$3.00 GOLD PIECE and **\$17.00 cash** for \$20.00 gold. Want gold coins for my collection.—Karl Stecher, 312 Armory Place, Louisville, Ky. au388

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One of the gold coins issued in 1834 or soon thereafter.

"My Policy"

The policy referred to is the use of gold coins or specie instead of paper money during the second administration of Jackson.

"Roman Firmness"

Jackson had a very determined character which was caricatured by his enemies by the device of the jackass. Other examples of his determined character are the Nullification Proclamation and the toast: "Our Federal Union—it must and shall be preserved."

"Specie Payments Suspended, May 10, 1837"

Due to a run on all the New York banks on May 8 and 9, the directors decided to suspend specie payments beginning on May 10.

"Substitute for Shinplasters"

Shinplasters was the term applied to state bank note issues and in some instances private note issues. Shinplasters became especially abundant with the suspension of specie payments on May 10, 1837. In fact, individuals advertised notes for sale that only required the signature and redemption place to be filled in.

"Sub-treasury"

The sub-treasury was an outgrowth of the unsatisfactory experiences of the government with the United States Bank and the pet banks. Although the sub-treasury was first proposed in 1837, it was not enacted until July 4, 1840. In accordance with this bill, the government stored its monetary reserves in vaults constructed in various cities; as, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, etc. The sub-treasury is also known as the independent treasury.

"The Bank Must Perish"

The recharter of the United States Bank was the issue in the campaign of 1832. The Democrats, headed by Andrew Jackson, were opposed to it; the National Republicans, headed by Henry Clay, were in favor of the recharter. Jackson was re-elected.

"The Gallant and Successful Defender of New Orleans, January 8, 1815"

In the War of 1812, Andrew Jackson defeated the British on January 8, 1815, in their attempt to seize New Orleans and thereby stop the Mississippi Valley commerce.

"The Constitution as I Understand It"

In reply to the arguments concerning the constitutionality of the United States Bank, Jackson expressed his attitude in the following words: "Each public officer who takes an oath to support the Constitution, swears that he will support it as he understands it, and not as it is understood by others."

"The Glorious Whig Victory of 1834"

The elections in New York City were held on April 8, 9 and 10, 1834.

The results showed that despite the election of Lawrence, the Democratic candidate for mayor, the Whigs won majorities of three in the board of alderman and one in the board of assistant alderman. Hence, the Whigs secured control of the appointments of officers and the expenditure of public funds.

"The Independent Treasury — The Choice of the People"

Van Buren who was responsible for the independent treasury was the Democratic candidate for re-election in 1840.

"The Sober Second Thoughts of the People are O.K."

Likewise referring to Van Buren's candidacy for re-election in 1840, The "O.K." which is said to have originated with Jackson may imply that the followers of Jackson were still in favor of Van Buren; for the latter was Jackson's choice for his successor.

"The Union Must and Small Be Preserved"

Just prior to Jackson's administration the tariff of 1828 and other sectional interests had raised fearful controversies over the right of a state to nullify an act of Congress. Vice-President Calhoun had expressed himself in favor of the theory of nullification, and the people were anxious to have Jackson express himself on the matter. This he did by proposing the following toast at a dinner in honor of Jefferson's birthday: "Our Federal Union—it must and shall be preserved!"

"Van Buren Metallic Currency"

Van Buren continued Jackson's hard-money policy; that is, the adoption of coins as the circulating medium rather than paper money.

"Veto"

On July 10, 1832, President Jackson vetoed the bill providing for the recharter of the United States Bank. This veto was the source of most of the controversies that arose in his and Van Buren's administrations.

"Webster Credit Currency"

Webster supported the United States Bank and accused Jackson of using unconstitutional powers in handling it. Webster went so far as to blame Jackson for the Panic of 1837. In regard to currency, Webster favored both paper and metallic currency.

"We Commemorate the Glorious Victories of Our Hero in War and in Peace"

Jackson became famous because of his defeat of the British at New Orleans and his invasion of Florida. The defeat of the bank was acclaimed by many as a great victory, and seemed to be approved by his re-election in 1832.

"Whigs of New York Victorious—Les Tres Jours—April 8, 9 and 10, 1834"

See "The Glorious Whig victory of 1834."

"William H. Seward—Our Next Governor"

Wm. H. Seward was the Whig candidate for governor of New York in 1834 and 1838. Although he failed in the first, he was successful in the second. In 1861 he became Secretary of State under President Lincoln, and is the character referred to on the Seward-Robinson Congressional medal awarded to Robinson for thwarting an attempt to assassinate Secretary Seward.



1909-V. D. B.-1935



By COIN D. TECTOR

Twenty years have passed and the most talked of Lincoln cent is still the timely topic among the numismatic circles, as it was back in the early years of its coinage (1909).

When we look back a few years, the protests which were prominent here and abroad regarding the removal of the designer's initials on the rear of the coin must have given the artist, Victor D. Brenner, a feeling of loss that only an artist may appreciate.

When the initials were removed, we never gave the matter a further thought, other than remembering the famous V. D. B.

While going through some of the pennies a few months back, a certain mark appeared, which aroused my curiosity. I wrote to the director of the mint, requesting him to inform me when the initials were restored to the cent, yet when the answer was received, I was informed "that the initials were used on the 1909 cent only and have never been restored".

Yet I find after checking back as far as 1918, the initials are on the cent, under the bust of Lincoln on the left side.



Benefit from the German adage, "The old see better behind than the young before." In other words, "hind sight is better than foresight." The old see their early endeavors from a hindsight view and can differentiate the right from the wrong. The young has to use foresight, which is often color blinded. Moral: The young should consult the old. The young coin collector should avoid the pitfalls of inexperience by seeking advice from the old fellows who know the ropes. "The warnings of age are the weapons of youth."

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Money will buy anything except life, love, happiness, freedom, peace, contentment, satisfaction, respect, esteem, beauty, charm, good looks, physical perfection, good health, and a few other essential things.—*Los Angeles Times*.

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INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION REPORT

July 20, 1935

Fellow Members:

Have laid aside my stamps for the summer, but some of you who have not, I hope, will try to persuade your friend or friends to join with us in the autumn. With the coming conventions in St. Louis and two in Washington, I feel like some of our members should write me their experiences at at least one of these conventions. Belonging to all three I am tied down here in the Queen City and sweltering, but I may at the last minute polish up the old sedan and start out. If I cannot make it I hope some of you more fortunate ones will write me your adventures. Remember the Secretary is only one and expects help and cooperation from the other members and that means you.

Philatelically yours,

LEON G. TEDESCHIE, Secretary-Treasurer
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By

FRANK C. ROSS

WRITERS continually mention how ancient coins and medals aid historians in piecing out ancient history and how from the inscriptions and engravings on the coins and medals one can envisage ancient peoples and events. And this translation of ancient coins and medals into history is not new. Two centuries ago Pope, a poet, not a historian, was familiar with the custom, for in Epistle V of Moral Essays after mentioning the absence of ancient records adds "And all her triumphs shrink into a coin," and further elaborating on it says:

The medal, faithful to its charge of fame,

Through climes and ages bears each form and name;

In one short view subjected to our eye

Gods, emp'rors, heroes, sages, beauties, lie.

With sharpened sight pale antiquarie pore,

The inscription value, but the rust adore.

This the blue varnish (silver coins), that the green (brass) endears,

The sacred rust of twice ten hundred years.

Theirs is the vanity, the learning thine;

Touched by thy hand, again Rome's glories shine;

Her Gods, and god-like heroes rise to view,

And all her faded garlands bloom anew.

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"To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge." Disraeli. Don't be an exclamation point; be a question mark. Ask questions; you won't bore the persons questioned, you will flatter him. Don't be a "know-it-all"; you are fooling no one but yourself, and the more you talk the more you expose your ignorance. The next time you go to your Coin Club meeting pick out the old timers and questionaire them. Have the

questions written out, if you wish, and insert the answers as they give them to keep for future reference. If they are real collectors they will not twit you for your ignorance but compliment you for your desire to acquire knowledge, and you will be suprised at the information they will give you that is not on your question list, things you would never have thought of. They will spot you as a comer and will tip you off to any new wrinkles they may learn. Don't be ashamed of or try to hide your studentship at the game as the old timers can detect your school grade in short order. And don't be stingy with the knowledge you acquire; pass it along.

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The papers frequently mention "old coins found" and then stop. It is to be regretted the reporter reporting the find does not list the coins with their dates. There might be amongst the bunch some particular coin that some collector has been trying for years to secure. And there might possibly be some coin that is not listed or one that might be considered "extinct" insofar as its availability is concerned. The finder of a collection of old coins should at once have them appraised by a reliable coin dealer or numismatist and not "sell them for a song" to the first bidder that comes along.

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Said of a tardy person, "He has three hands, right, left, and a little behind hand." In collecting coins do not be behind hand; keep abreast of the game. Don't just know that you are collecting but what you are collecting. Keep posted. If in doubt consult a numismatist. Read the numismatic section of your favorite hobby magazine. Coins have a family tree; study that tree, bask under its shade that you may better enjoy your hobby. Always be a "jump ahead" instead of a little behind hand.

Alexander Pope, the great English poet, knew his money. Speaking of gold (money) he said:

And gold but sent to keep the fools in play,

For some to keep and some to throw away.

Useful I grant, it serves what life requires.

But dreadful too, the dark assassin hires.

Trade it may help, society extend, But lures the pirate, and corrupts the friend.

It raises armies in a nation's aid, But bribes a senate, and the land's betrayed.

In vain may heroes fight, and patriots rave

If secret gold sap on from knave to knave.

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Reports from Nebraska are that the Omaha Coin Club is growing to beat the band; with a 75 per cent membership attendance and new names added to the roster at each meeting. Although less than two years old it has reached adulthood and is classed amongst the Big Guns. Being organized and membered by substantial Omaha business men it is considered one of the most substantial of the many Mid-west coin societies. The other Mid-west Clubs are proud, not envious of the Omaha Coin Club's success.

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"Different men are of different opinion,

Some like apples and some like onions."

It is a good thing we do not like every eatable with the same relish or we would all be gormants. And so it is a good thing coin collectors do not want to "take in the whole show" at once, or we would have nothing but hodge-podge collections and a lot of disappointed collectors. Jack Spratt and his wife lead an ideal life be-

cause they were not continually fighting over the fat and the lean. Some collectors take to paper money, some to gold and others to silver, thus there are enough of each to go around to the choosers. Dollars, halves, quarters, etc., each have their fans, so the applause is divided, otherwise there would be a battle-royal. And this makes for good trading; a specialist in dollars can trade his duplicates to advantage to a half dollar devotee; each getting the best of the bargain for each is swapping something he doesn't relish for something more to his taste. It is more satisfactory to go on a diet than to go the "whole hog." "A thing worth doing at all is worth doing well" and you can do a better job specializing than generalizing. Master some particular phase of the game. A complete set of one coin is much better than a few scattered coins of all denominations. Don't collect haphazardly; let there be method in your madness.

It is better to be a master of one phase than a Jack of all. Of course you will have many coins of different denominations than the one in which you concentrate but let them be the side-dishes with your leader in the big platter in the center of the table. Cranberries and dressing go with the turkey, not the turkey with them, the side-lines, the coins you do not specialize in, should go *with* the main line, the specialized, not the vice versa. Just remember when it comes to opinions, some like apples and some like onions.

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The funds derived from the sale of the Texas Centennial commemorative half dollars are to be devoted to the construction of a Texas Memorial Museum on the campus of the University of Texas. 205,000 of the coins have been minted bearing the 1934 date, and as soon as this issue is exhausted a new issue bearing the 1935 date will be coined. The measure authorizing the issue calls for 1,500,000 coins. The designer of the commemorative is Pompeo Coppini.

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Young parents—pause and ponder. Your life interest is centered in that little cherub in the cradle; your hope is he will grow up industrious like his dad and like his dad's dad. Keep him busy, not toilsomely so, but train him to keep his hands and mind occupied. Idleness is mischief's breeding ground, an idle mind Mephisto's workshop. Give the boy a hobby; it will keep his hands busy and his mind at work and the best hobby for this due purpose is coin collecting. Calling coin collecting a hobby is somewhat of a misnomer as it is a study as well as a hobby. When he becomes of collectable age give the boy a few odd coins; explain numismatist to him—all its whys and wherefores; teach him the function of money while he is young so he may better utilize his earnings when he becomes grown.

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Suppose your dad had set aside for you a brand new, fresh from the mint coin of each denomination of your birth year and had followed it up each year as a birthday gift until you were of age, and you had continued on after that, wouldn't you now be proud of your collection of uncirculates—and wouldn't you be thankful to your dad for initiating it. You should do that much for your young hopeful. All his life he will repeat and repeat "What a collection and what a dad."

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Those of us whose parents were forty-niners, don't we often wish our dad had been numismatically foresighted and laid away a pair of each of the California gold coins and left them to us as an heirloom. Let's don't let ourselves open to the same criticism from our posterity. Every father should form a complete set of commemorative coins, place them in a safety box, and with his bequests, specify that they be kept intact and passed on to the next generation.

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It is not always the fathers that start boys collecting and studying coins. It frequently works in reverse. A young boy who has started his own

collection will "hound" his father about watching his change for odd coins and ask so many unanswerable questions the pater will have to enter the game out of self defense.

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The Danish say: "It is dangerous to eat cherries with the great; they throw the stones at your head." But not so when you set down with the big coin collectors; if they are really great they do not rub it in. They encourage, not discourage the beginners.

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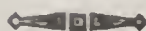
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Recollections of An Old Collector



By THOMAS L. ELDER

Commemorative Coins

THE "fight" on commemorative coins—whether more issues are to be allowed or not—goes on apace; at this writing the matter has reached the Senate Finance Committee.

The A.N.A. Convention is to draw up some resolutions advocating a continuance of such coins. The writer has been asked to submit a resolution or ideas on the subject. The mint officials have for years been opposed to commemorative coins. Their reasons, expressed by both Hoover and Roosevelt are unfair and the objections enumerated unimportant. "Counterfeiting" was a reason given by Hoover. "They cause confusion" said Roosevelt.

We do not agree with these statements. The result will undoubtedly be less commemorative issues, but we hope not a complete discontinuance. Any irregularities can be remedied. The Committees are the chief offenders due to their anxiety to market their issues. Distribution can easily be restricted and greedy individuals prevented from "hogging" new issues. Commemorative coins never were more needed or appreciated more than now. It would be a pity if we were to have no more of them.

Prospects for Numismatics

Business is trying as hard to recover as the present experimenters at Washington will allow. While we have a budget almost hopelessly out of balance, there are prospects for a boom if the administration will let business alone. But coin-collecting looks for a fine fall and winter's business, espe-

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The Bassett Paper Money Collection

A Mrs. Bassett of Vermont is to offer her paper money at auction in New York in September. The collection includes some 300 Colonial and Continental notes with some rarities of the Original Colonies and States. The offering includes a unique note of Rhode Island of 1738, three of Vermont and numerous others of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. Also U. S. notes, broken bank notes and hundreds of choice

Confederate notes. Bonds and some autographs and postage stamps. Some rare and choice gold coins are in this sale, a three dollar proof of 1876, a very fine dollar of 1794, rare Colonial coin and an Indian medal date 1792, which was once the property of Governor Clark of Missouri, of Lewis and Clark fame. Here is an Indian medal with an authentic pedigree from the year 1800. These things will be sold on September 20 and 21.

The Ethiopians Have a Coinage

Menelik, who administered such a licking to the Italians at Adowa had a coinage complete from the copper cent to the Tallers or dollar. He also issued in small quantities gold of the values of ten and twenty francs as well as gold medals and awards. Menelik had two types of dollars and all these coins are of finished workmanship, the product of foreign artists. Haile Selassie has coins also bearing his head. Due to the European connivance of the great powers it is apparent that the weak Ethiopian rule will soon be brought to an end by the dictator, the noisy Mussolini. It may be that there will be a good many dead Italian soldiers before Selassie is conquered and the Ethiopian coinages are discontinued.

The Clark, Gruber & Co. Mint



By M. SORENSEN

IN the long series of events which go to make up the early history of Denver there is perhaps no more interesting episode than the establishment of the first mint in this neck of the woods, the story of its operations up to the time of its absorption by the government, and the impetus it gave to the movement which finally resulted in the erection of the present mint in Denver.

Revealing, as it does, the difficulties in those pioneer days, the story furnishes a few sidelights on "life as she was lived" on the fringe of civilization and provides an adequate idea of the contrast existing between past and present.

The comparatively few pioneers who came to the Pikes Peak region in 1858 brought little money with them and had little need of any, but the gold discoveries in the spring of the following year brought a sudden—and what developed into a more or less steady—influx of seekers after wealth, and introduced the use of gold dust and small nuggets into the transaction of business.

In the more extensive transactions

the weighing of gold could be accomplished with sufficient exactness to guarantee comparative fairness to both sides; but in minor dealings the weighing process was not only a nuisance, but generally resulted in the "gypping" of the customer.

This state of affairs called for the service of men who would make a special business of buying crude gold at its value as ascertained by reasonably accurate methods and paying for it in definite money of some kind. It resulted—in July, 1860—in the establishment of the Clark, Gruber & Co., mint and bank, Denver's first financial institution.

The new project crystallized at Leavenworth when the firm, which had been buying gold from the Pikes Peak region and paying the express companies enormous sums for its transportation across the plains under heavy guard, decided it would operate at a much greater profit by establishing itself in the heart of the gold country.

The company purchased several lots at the northwest corner of 16th and Blake streets, put up what was at the time one of the most ornate buildings in the city and brought

equipment, in the shape of dies and presses, all the way from Boston.

The first coins minted in the new institution were ten and twenty dollar pieces of pure gold. They were equal in weight, to the coins of the same denominations, issued by the government, but they were of greater value because of the fact that they contained no alloy.

During the first year of its operation the mint turned out only coins of the denominations mentioned in the foregoing, but the following year the output of the "money factory" included \$2.50 to \$5.00 denominations, alloyed according to government standards, by reason of the discovery that pure gold coins were abrading too much on account of their softness.

In a period of less than two years the new mint put in circulation approximately \$3,000,000 of its products, which was accepted at par everywhere in Colorado. And then arose discussion as to the propriety of the coinage of money by a private firm. In the summer of 1861 the first territorial convention of the Republican party was held at Golden and among its resolutions was one declaring for the necessity of a government mint in Denver. Clark, Gruber & Co., conscious of some technical impropriety in their mintage, heartily endorsed the movement and became, in fact, chiefly instrumental in bringing it to a favorable conclusion.

In the autumn of the same year the secretary of the treasury, after a conference with Hiram P. Bennett, Colorado's first delegate to Congress, urged upon the president that the existing coinage laws be so amended as to prohibit private coinage; that a branch of the Government mint be established in Denver, and that authority be given for the purchase of the property of Clark, Gruber & Co., and its conversion to government use. Bennett introduced in Congress a bill embodying the secretary's suggestions concerning a branch mint in Denver, and it became a law in April, 1862. Bills empowering the purchase of the Clark, Gruber & Co., property and amending the coinage laws subsequently were introduced and passed.

It was the intent of the law that the Clark, Gruber & Co. mint should continue to turn out money as a branch of the Philadelphia mint, but the "circumstances and influences" growing out of the astounding silver production of the Comstock Lode in Nevada resulted in legislation establishing a mint at Carson City and depriving the Denver mint of the authority to coin money. In consequence, the Denver mint was that in name only until 1904, when local interest realized the fruits of many years of bitter fighting in the opening of the present mint.

During a portion of the interim the old Clark, Gruber & Co. plant was used as a depository for public funds. The accounts of the government disbursing officers in this part of the country were kept there until the First National Bank was organized and became a government depository, when it was converted into an assaying plant.

The coining presses and machinery used by the Clark, Gruber & Co. are now in the possession of the Colorado Historical Society.

The Clark, Gruber & Co. gold coins were issued in denominations of \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00. Then when they purchased gold dust from the miners or business men in that territory, they would pay in their own coin, made right on the ground. These coins were heavier than the regular United States coins of the same denominations, and though the fineness was not quite as great as the gold in the government coins, having been struck from native gold containing a large proportion of silver, still the greater weight more than gave them an excess value of at least one per cent over United States gold coins.

In order to facilitate business transactions Clark, Gruber & Co. issued paper notes of the denominations of \$5.00. The bill showed on the obverse in the center a representation of a buffalo hunt, while in the lower right hand corner was a portrait of Governor Gilpin, then Colorado Territory's chief executive. The bill was well designed, black and red being the colors, and was the

work of the American Bank Note Company. The inscription on the note read: "Will pay to bearer on demand Five Dollars in Denver Coin."

Of course, "Denver Coin" meant the notes met with instant favor and went into general circulation. They soon outclassed the notes issued by Uncle Sam. In 1862 these notes commanded a substantial premium and presented the unusual spectacles of the paper issue of a private firm of bankers, and it is pretty certain that there never was a similar instance in the country.

Specimens of this issue are now extremely rare for the reason that the holders had them redeemed in order to get the gold which was so valuable at that period of the Civil War.

Notes of Clark, Gruber & Co. of the denominations of \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00 also were said to have been issued, but there is no known record of them.

That further coinage was contemplated is evident from the following, which I have found in an old coin catalogue.

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5 Dols. Denver City Assay Office, Mountain, Two Birds. Reverse, blank.

10 Dols, and 20 Dols., 1860, similar.

Patterns, by Cord Bro's., 1860, struck only in copper."

This is the only time I have seen these last mentioned pieces described.

The Jacksonian Tokens

By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

THE tokens issued during the Jacksonian Era were the result of (1) the political controversies which arose over the recharter of the United States Bank, and (2) the scarcity of currency that occurred in 1837. The tokens that were largely issued as a result of the latter cause are often referred to as Hard Times Tokens. It seems preferable to name the tokens issued throughout the Jackson and Van Buren administrations as Jacksonian tokens rather than Hard Times Tokens; for the latter were really issued from 1837 on, while tokens of a political nature were issued from 1832 on.

The controversies over the recharter of the United States Bank were the result of Jackson's opposition to the institution, which came to a head when Jackson vetoed the recharter bill on July 10, 1832. The people ap-

parently approved his policy; for in the following November they re-elected him. With the confidence of public support Jackson proceeded to make arrangements for the gradual removal of the government deposits that had been placed in the bank. The new government receipts were then placed in twenty-three carefully selected state banks. Since some people charged that political preference was shown in the selection of the state banks that were to hold the government deposits, the banks became known as "pet banks", that is, they were looked upon by opposing political groups as Jackson's pets.

With the decline of the United States Bank there appeared ever-increasing numbers of state banks with their unreliable issues of paper currency. To remedy the situation, Jackson urged the issue of gold coins to take the place of the paper currency. These gold coins were popu-

larly known and advertised by such names; as, "Benton's mint drops", "Jackson yellow boys", and "Huzza money". In addition, an attempt was made to get the state legislatures to enact laws prohibiting the issue of notes in less than twenty-dollar denominations.

The following allusions are examples of some statements that appeared on the tokens of 1832, 1833, and 1834: "The Bank Must Perish", "My Substitute for the U. S. Bank", "A Plain System Void of Pomp", "Down with the Bank", "Wm. H. Seward Our Next Gov.", and "Gulian C. Verplank Our Next Gov.". Some of the statements that appeared on the later tokens also referred to the political controversies of Jackson's administrations.

The scarcity of currency that resulted in the immense issue of Hard Times Tokens was due to (1) the revision of the coinage laws, (2) the Specie Circular, and (3) the Panic of 1837.

The coinage act of 1834, which was slightly amended in 1837, increased the value of gold by decreasing the weights of the gold dollar from 27 grains to slightly less than 26 grains. This under-valued silver and as a consequence, although gold coinage increased, there was a reduction in the amount of silver coins in circulation which became very serious with the onset of the Panic of 1837.

As previously mentioned, attempts had been made to reduce the amount of state bank notes in circulation by means of an increase in the coinage of gold. However, the attempt was of little avail. Since during this period immense tracts of public land were bought and paid for in state bank notes, Jackson resorted to the issue of the Specie Circular on July 11, 1836, which compelled the land agents and banks to accept only gold or silver after August 15 in payment for public land. In consequence, the state bank notes became of little value, and the unreliable banks failed at once because of their inability to redeem their notes which were not backed with sufficient gold or silver.

The ill effects of the Specie Circular were soon added to by the collapse of overspeculative schemes, banks, and business. British people who had invested in American enterprise demanded the return of their money which made the banks even harder pressed for specie. As a result of these events, the banks felt compelled to suspend specie payment in 1837; that is, give gold or silver in exchange for their bank notes. Gold and silver coins were hoarded

and the shortage of change was serious. To counteract the shortage, large quantities of tokens and shinplasters were issued by individuals and cities.

Some tokens bore such political statements; as, "Bentonian Currency-Mint Drop", "Van Buren Metallic Currency", "The Constitution As I Understand It", "The Independent Treasury-The Choice Of The People". Many varieties bore a female head, while countless others had business advertising inscribed on them.

MONEY TALKS

LIGONIER, Indiana, issued wooden money recently in commemoration of its 100th birthday. The money, in denominations of one, two and five nickels, was redeemable in the city for a few days.

New Cent Design

Indianapolis Ind.—In your August issue I read with interest that part of Thomas Elder's notes relative to a new cent design.

I am in hearty accord with Mr. Elder's idea of minting a Benjamin Franklin Cent. I should say also let this same Franklin cent carry the same "Mind Your Business." There are millions of people in this country unaware of the existence of such a coin and bringing it back to life would perhaps freshen the memory of everyone, including congressmen and the powers that be.

It probably would awaken our senses, be the forerunner to better times and more Franklin pennies in our pockets.

Another good coin that carries a fine maxim is the Penn. Colonial one-half cent which says: "Be as you seem to be." I should say it would be an appropriate title to have on some of our cents today.

If we had a coin that carried a good maxim it would educate us further than its face denominations, or picture on it. Let the maxim be our password and change passwords every year, five years or ten years.

No better interest could be created than to have a coin with a good maxim on it, and to educate the people to the real import of its meaning.

Had we had "Mind Your Business" coins in circulation back in 1914, we would be dollars and cents better off today.—*Will Rheinhardt.*

Daniel V. Brodhead, a Los Angeles, Calif., reader, is another for doing

away with half dollar commemoratives that are not released through government channels at face value. Mr. Brodhead suggests that medals would be an adequate substitute.

Numismatists of New York and New Jersey, recently wrote to Representative Andrew L. Somers, chairman of the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, protesting a bill favored by the President, which would bar striking any more commemorative coins by the Mint. The letter was signed by officials of the New York Numismatic Club, the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Westchester Coin Clubs, and the New Jersey Numismatic Society.

The bill, however, has been passed by the Senate. It provides for the issue of commemorative medals, instead of coins.

Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., officially announced that the treasury has designed a new \$1 silver certificate bearing the seal of the United States to take the place of present one dollar bills now in circulation. The new money is the same size as present currency.

The Canadian dollar minted for the King George V Jubilee last May will not be a scarce item, as some have been informed. Up to July 15, 322,000 of these has been issued.

Demands for the Texas Centennial half dollars were so numerous, according to A. Garland Adair, Chairman, American Legion Centennial Committee, that the committee placed a new order with the United States mints for coins bearing the 1935 date.

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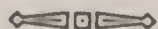
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United States Currency Dictionary



By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

IN ADDITION to the currency issued by the United States, this list contains the names of some Spanish and Mexican coins that were current in this country as late as 1857.

Alabama Centennial Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the admission of Alabama into the Union. Authorized May 10, 1920.

Arkansas Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the admission of Arkansas into the Union. Authorized May 14, 1934.

Bennington Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 150th anniversary of the battle of Bennington and Vermont independence. Authorized February 24, 1925. Coined in 1927.

Benton Mint Drop—A popular term applied to the gold coins issued in 1834.

Bit—In the western states, a term formerly applied to the Spanish or Mexican real, a silver coin valued at about 12½ cents.

California Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 75th anniversary of the admission of California into the Union. Coined in 1925.

Cart Wheel—Slang for the silver dollar or other large coin.

Cent—A copper, nickel-bronze, or bronze coin valued at a hundredth of a dollar, and issued from 1793-1857, 1857-1864, and 1864 to the present respectively. Devices on some of the cents have given rise to names like the following: Bar (undated), Chain, Eagle, Fugio (1787), Franklin, Lincoln, Wreath, etc.

Coin Certificate—Paper money authorized by the Act of March 3, 1863. See Gold Certificate.

Columbian Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. Coined in 1892 and 1893. Act of August 5, 1892.

Connecticut Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Connecticut in 1635.

Continental Currency—Paper money issued from 1775 to 1780 by the Continental Congress.

Currency Certificate—Paper money issued by the Act of June 8, 1872, and used by the clearing houses in settling balances.

Daniel Boone Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the Daniel Boone 200th anniversary and Pioneer Year 1934.

Demand Notes—The first paper money issued by the United States. It was authorized by the Act of July 17, 1861.

Dime or Disme—A silver coin issued since 1796, and valued at one tenth of a dollar.

Dollar—A gold or silver coin. The former was issued from 1849 to 1889; the latter from 1794-1805, 1840-1873, 1878-1904, and 1921 on.

Double Eagle—A twenty dollar gold coin issued in 1849.

Eagle—A ten dollar gold coin issued from time to time since 1795.

Federal Reserve Bank Note—Paper money issued under authority of the Federal Reserve Act of December 23, 1913, as amended, and secured by commercial paper and United States obligations.

Federal Reserve Note—Paper money issued under authority of the Federal Reserve Act of December 23, 1913, as amended, and secured by commercial paper and gold certificates.

Fip—An archaic term for the half dime in Pennsylvania.

Fippenny or Fippenny Bit—Formerly in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the half real, a Spanish or Mexican silver coin worth about 6¼ cents.

Five Cents—A nickel coin issued since 1866.

Five Eagles—A fifty dollar gold coin issued in 1877.

Four Bits—Fifty cents. The expression is a carry over from earlier times when Spanish and Mexican coins were current.

Fractional Currency Note—Paper currency in denominations of 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, and 50c. It was first issued in 1862. See Postage Currency.

Gold Certificate—Paper money in denominations in twenty dollars or more, first authorized by the Act of March 3, 1863.

Grant Silver Half Dollar and Gold Dollar—Coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of U. S. Grant's birth. Authorized and struck in 1922.

Greenback—See United States Note.

Half Cent—A copper coin issued from 1793 to 1857.

Half Dime, also Half Disme—A silver coin issued from 1794 to 1873 and valued at a twentieth of a dollar.

Half Dollar—A silver coin issued from 1794 to the present.

Half Eagle—A five dollar gold coin issued from 1795 to 1934.

Half Real—A Spanish or Mexican silver coin worth about 6¼ cents.

Hawaiian Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 150 anniversary of Capt. Cook's discovery of Hawaii. Coined in 1928.

Hudson Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Hudson, New York. Authorized May 2, 1935.

Huguenot-Walloon Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 300th anniversary of the settlement of the Middle States in 1624 by the Walloons and Huguenots. Authorized in 1923, struck in 1924.

Illinois Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the admission of Illinois into the Union. Authorized and struck in 1918.

Isabella Quarter—A silver coin commemorating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. Act of March 3, 1893.

Jitney—Slang term for nickel.

Lafayette Dollar—A silver coin struck in memory of Lafayette and in conjunction with the unveiling of the memorial in Paris. Act of March 3, 1899.

Legal Tenders—Another name for the United States Notes.

Lewis and Clark Dollar—A gold coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expeditions of 1804.

Levy—In Pennsylvania and New Jersey, formerly another term for the Spanish or Mexican real, a silver coin worth about 12½c.

Lexington-Concord Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 150th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord. Authorized and coined in 1925.

Long Bit—In some western states, fifteen cents. See Bit.

Louisiana Purchase Gold Dollar—A coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Louisiana in 1803.

Main Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the admission of Maine into the Union. Authorized and struck in 1920.

McKinley Dollar—A gold coin struck in connection with the erection of a memorial to McKinley at Niles, Ohio.

Mexican Shilling—Another name for the real.

Milled Dollar—The Spanish piece of eight. Continental currency was to be redeemed in Spanish milled dollars.

Missouri Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the admission of Missouri into the Union. Authorized and struck in 1921.

Monroe Doctrine Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine. Authorized and struck in 1923.

National Bank Note—Paper money originally issued by the national banks in accordance with the provisions of the National Bank Act of February 25, 1863.

National Gold Bank Note—Paper money issued by nine California and one Benton bank under authority of the Act of July 12, 1870.

Nickel—Another term for the five-cent coin, so-called because of its metal.

Oregon Trail Half Dollar—A silver coin issued to commemorate the Oregon Trail blazers. Authorized and struck in 1926.

Panama-Pacific Fifty, Two and a Half, and One Dollar Gold, also One Dollar Silver—Coins struck for the Panama-Pacific Exposition Co. in 1915.

Penny—A term often applied to the cent. There is no penny in United States coinage.

Piece of Eight—The Spanish milled dollar. It is so called because of the 8 on the coin.

Pilgrim Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mass. Authorized and struck in 1920.

Pillar Dollar—The Spanish silver dollar with the two pillars on the reverse side.

Postage Currency—The first issue of fractional paper currency in 1862 and 1863. They derived their name from the facsimiles they bore of some of the then current stamps.

Providence Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Providence, Rhode Island. Authorized in 1935.

Quarter Dollar—A silver coin issued since 1796.

Quarter Eagle—A \$2.50 gold piece issued from 1796 to 1934.

Real—A Spanish or Mexican silver coin worth about 12½c.

San Diego Half Dollar—A silver coin authorized to be issued in connection with the California-Pacific International Exposition.

Scrip—A term sometimes applied to fractional paper currency.

Sesquicentennial Silver Half Dollar and \$2.50 Gold—Coins issued in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Authorized in 1925.

Shilling—See Mexican shilling or real.

Shinplaster—Popular term for fractional currency notes or State bank notes of questionable value.

Short Bit—In western states, formerly the dime.

Silver Certificate—Paper money originally issued in accordance with the provisions of the Bland-Allison Act of 1878.

Six Bits—Seventy-five cents.

Spanish Trail Half Dollar—A silver coin authorized in connection with the Cabeza de Vaca Expedition and the Spanish Trail. Authorized May 3, 1935.

Stella—Four dollar gold piece issued in 1880.

Stone Mountain Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the initial carving on Stone Mountain, Georgia. Coined in 1925.

Texas Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the independence of Texas. Authorized June 15, 1933.

Three Cents—A silver or nickel coin issued from 1851 to 1873, and 1865 to 1889 respectively.

Three Dollars—A gold coin issued from 1854 to 1889.

Trade Dollar—A silver coin issued from 1873 to 1883 by authority of the Act of 1873, and intended to stimulate trade with the Asiatic countries.

Treasury Notes of 1890—Paper currency issued in accordance with the provisions of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890.

Twenty Cents—A silver coin issued from 1875 to 1878.

Two Bits—An expression for "twenty-five cents" that came about through the use of the Mexican Real Bit which circulated freely in this country until 1857. See Real and Bit.

United States Note—Paper money originally issued during the period of the Civil War and known also as Greenbacks or legal tenders. Issued since 1862.

Vancouver Half Dollar—A silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Port Vancouver, Washington. Coin issued in 1926.

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Press Comments

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Once during the Civil War when a troop train stopped for orders at Marriottsville, Md., Gen. Ulysses S. Grant stepped from a coach and accepted a dinner invitation from a railroad train dispatcher. He enjoyed the dinner, then looked about the house. "Haven't you any children?" he asked the dispatcher. "Not yet," was the reply. "Then I want to leave this for your first baby," he said, handing the dispatcher a gold dollar. Shortly afterward train dispatcher Howser and his young wife moved into an old passenger coach, fitted up at one end as a home, and the other end as a dispatcher's office. In this they traveled up and down the line, wherever the dispatcher was needed most, usually in the thick of the battles. One day, while the husband ticked away at his telegraph key and troops outside awaited orders, there was born in the other end of the coach the baby who received General Grant's gold dollar. The baby followed in his father's footsteps in due time, became a railroad employee and is now Baltimore & Ohio city ticket agent, Washington, D. C.—*Baltimore & Ohio Magazine*.

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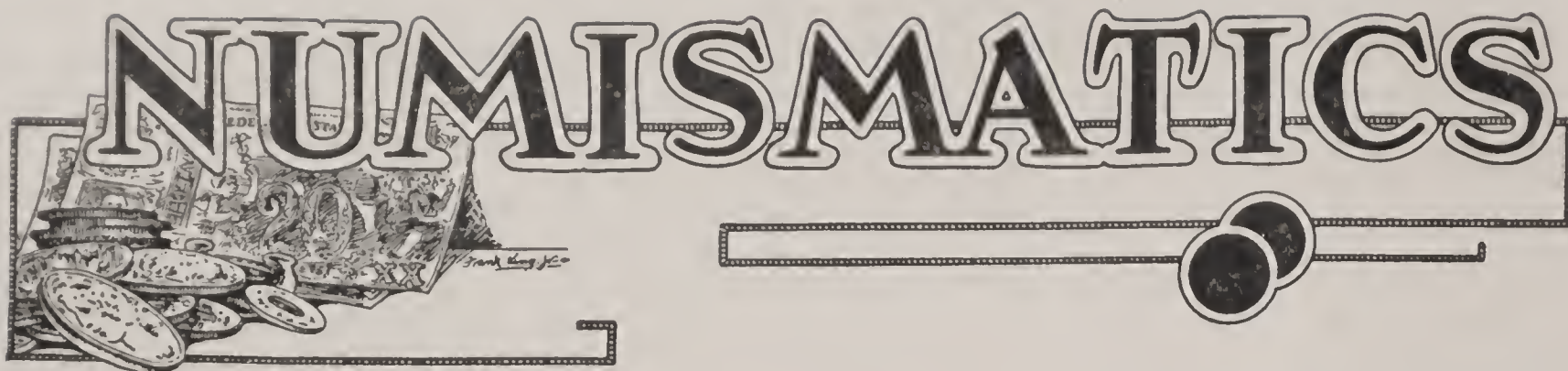
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By

FRANK C. ROSS

A CERTAIN coin collector has his own particular system of locating desirables. He changes his five dollar bills into silver dollars, the dollars into halves, halves into quarters, and so on down the line until he has five hundred pennies, combing the change as he goes along for "sleepers." Then he changes his pennies back into a five buck and repeats. He reminds one of the story they tell about the little boy who changed a quarter into nickels, nickels into pennies, pennies back into a quarter, repeating the procedure several times. When asked why he went to all that trouble for nothing he said, "Some one might make a mistake in the change in my favor."

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Nowadays church communion is more a matter of form or gesture, but in the early days of the church the services of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was taken very seriously and only the most faithful of the faithful were deemed worthy to partake in it. To keep out the chisellers or unfaithful the preachers had tokens issued and distributed to the faithful and only those with tokens could sit at table as communicants. Hence the name communion tokens. The old custom has gone out but many of the tokens remain and are highly prized, specially by those religiously inclined. The custom of issuing communion tokens was no doubt borrowed from the secret societies of ancient Greece and Rome. The Grecian and Roman "goat riders" had to possess a token instead of a pass word to enter the portals of "The Mystic Knights of the Sea" or whatever they called their secret orders.

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"Back to the Mother Hubbard days", would solve the cotton problem. One Mother Hubbard dress has enough cloth in it to make twenty of the present day bibs. And speaking of Mother Hubbards, they cover a multitude of modesty. And too we might

put our paper money back in long dresses and help the pulp men. "Back to copper days" with the big copper half and one-cent pieces would be a boost to mining stocks. Numismatists should start a "back to the old coins in our change days" and stop this habit of doling out new money for old money to the dealers.

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When we think of "necessity money" our mind reverts to the Civil War tokens. England, on account of shortage of small change back in the seventeenth century, had her tradesmen's tokens. The Newcastle (Eng.) Weekly Chronicle says: "Perhaps the most curious 'money of necessity' was produced by the Civil War and called 'Siege Pieces.' Much of it was struck by the Royalists in some of the towns and castles held by them. Much of it was made in places then under siege by the Parliamentary troops, hence the name of siege money. The coins of various shapes and denominations were struck from silver plate handed over for the purpose by the king's supporters. In certain cases the coins are merely cut out of the metal and stamped. On some of the latter it is possible to trace the shape of the article out of which the coin was struck."

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Tokens have been considered a suburb of coins, but if all the States adopt sales tax laws, tokens will become the big town stuff. The government only gets out six different coins and there are already more than that number of different brands of tax tokens, and should they start dating them, and changing types, one will have to open up a set of books to keep track of his collection. And don't think these tokens are not popular amongst collectors. It is surprising the number of requests for them from collectors. One nice thing is they are cheap, from one mill up, and people in the taxed states have gotten the habit of enclosing them in letters as souvenirs to their out-

of-state correspondents. Just before the Missouri tax law went into effect the government at Washington frowned on metal tokens, and as time was short, the state as an emergency resorted to milk-cap tokens. Their very oddity has publicized them throughout the country and they are in great demand.

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If you ask me where I hail from, my sole reply shall be, I come from old Missouri with its milk-cap currency.

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Excerpt from a letter of a well-known hobbyist: "Your advice on bringing up boys on a hobby coincides with my own. I have two boys, one fourteen and the other sixteen, and I have kept them pretty well out of mischief by fostering any hobbies they exhibited a penchant for. One collects coins, stamps, plays tennis and fishes; the other raises fancy fish, models and draws."

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It has been said of one nation that it "went out of business" because its people had no "Sunday suit of clothes." It did not have a day of relaxation each week. Uncle Sam is traveling at such a rapid pace some people fear he is riding for a fall. Don't worry, he still has his hobby horse that he rides for relaxation; and a man with a hobby will always keep his mount. Our people's mania for speed is counter-balanced by its love for hobbies. We are becoming a hobby loving people. This is evidenced by the wide-spread and ever-increasing interest in coins, stamps, and antiques, and the growing list of subscribers to HOBBIES Magazine. So long as Uncle Sam's mints grind out coins for the people to collect he will keep his country "safe for democratic sanity."

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If we say a thing or think a thing often enough we believe it ourselves. We have grown to believe those sedate, judicious old gentlemen have outgrown their childhood frivolities that they have only minds of matured wisdom. Show one of the wise old owls your coin collection. He will hold each piece at arms length and very gravely pronounce it "very in-

teresting indeed." Then as a climax give him that old, tarnished, badly worn, bunged up piece of eight. Watch him bring it close to his eye, fondle it affectionately; watch that judicial eye change to a youthful twinkle and listen to him hum "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest—yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum." Which goes to prove that the "older you grow the younger you get." All collectors should have at least one youth restorer for the benefit of the "old boys."

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Claude Callan said, "You never can reach the top by walking on level ground. You must do at least a little climbing." You cannot build up a coin collection by sitting passive waiting for the old coins to drop into your lap. You have to do a little hill climbing.

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One of the nicest collection for the average collector is one containing at least one coin from each country in the world. The world is growing smaller and we should become acquainted with our foreign neighbors. Neighborliness is the best war preventative. Do your share by having a neighborly set in your collection.

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Money in circulation August 31st was equivalent to \$44.23 for each man, woman and child in the United States, according to report. We counted our money to see if we had our share but found some one is chiseling on us to the tune of \$40.23. Conscience funders please take notice.

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The Pathfinder says that silver money is the only money known to three-fourths of the human beings in the world.

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So many people have the mistaken idea that rarities are the essence of

old coins; that the interest in a coin is measured by its rarity. If that were so there would be but few satisfied collectors for there are not enough of the rare boys to go round. It is the historical background that makes a coin popular, not the size of its family. Coins have their family trees and the fruit of the tree is savored by the meat in the fruit, not the size of the crop. At a recent club meeting there was a specially large display of coins on account of its being visitors' night. Valuable gold coins, rare silverites, commemoratives and beautiful proofs, and all the visitors agreed they were "dandy coins." There was one exception, however, to the dandy coins. W. F. Flynn (Kansas City) showed an old, well worn coin dated 1776, silver, and it was anything but pretty in appearance, yet the visitors took more interest in it than the valuable rarities. It is an heirloom handed down in the owner's family from the Revolutionary days. On one side of the coin is the bust of Frederick II, King of Hesse, Germany; on the other side is an 8 pointed star with a coat of arms in the center. It was one of the coins that was in the pay envelopes of the Hessian soldiers sent to America to help "make the world safe for royalty."

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The English penny has two plurals; pennies when the number of coins is referred to; pence when the aggregate amount is spoken of, as twelve pence.

The Widow's Mite of Biblical fame had a value of about a fourth of a U. S. cent.

The ancient English "Angel" coin is so called because it bears the figure of the archangel Michael overcoming the dragon.

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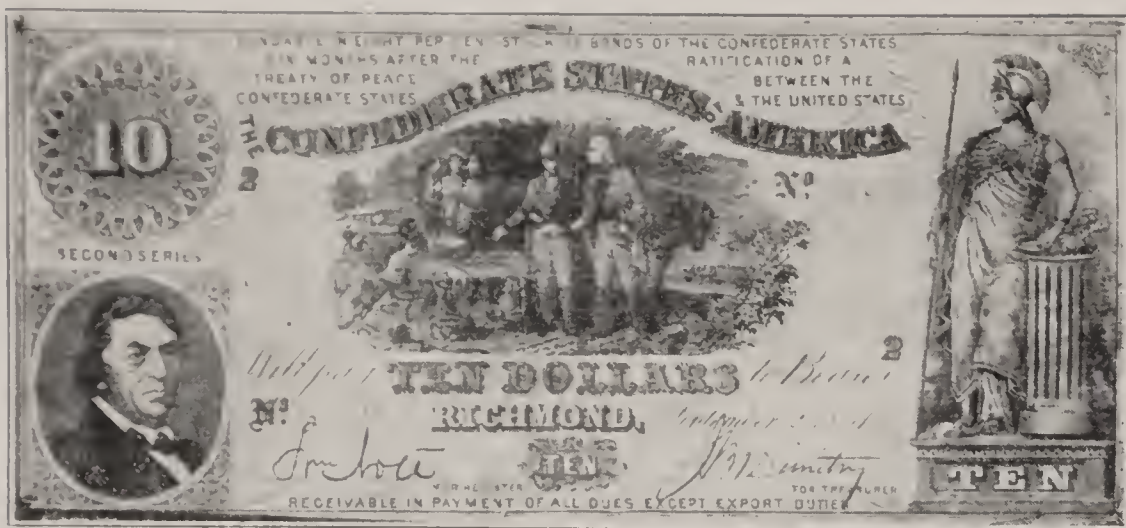
States of America" around the outer edge above and "Half Dollar" below. The sculptor's initials appear at the lower left. The reverse pictures the tower and dome of the California Building on the exposition grounds, with the words "In God We Trust" below. The name "San Diego" appears above the dome at the left, and the date "1935" to the right of the tower. Around the rim is the inscription "California-Pacific International Exposition." The coins were minted in California.

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General Marion's Sweet Potato Dinner

A Confederate Note

By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

FRANCIS MARION was born in Winyaw, near Georgetown, South Carolina, in 1732, the same year in which George Washington was born. In 1759 he fought against the Cherokees who were then ravaging the western part of South Carolina. At the outbreak of the American Revolution, Marion was made a captain of a regiment in his state, and in time fought in the battles of Fort Sullivan, Savannah, and Charleston.

In appreciation of his distinguished services, Governor Rutledge made Marion a brigadier general; and soon Marion's brigade became the terror of the British outposts. Usually his headquarters were in the swamps, and his movements and surprise attacks were so quick and unexpected that the British nicknamed him the "Swamp Fox." They tried their ut-

most to trap him, but it was always in vain. After Marion's failure at Georgetown, he established his headquarters on Snows Island, which is at the confluence of the Pedee and Lynche's Creek. From this camp issued the bold expeditions that were so feared by the British. The following paragraphs quoted from Bryant's "Song of Marion's Men" give an interesting picture of the brigade:

Our band is few, but true and tried,
Our leader frank and bold;
The British soldier trembles
When Marion's name is told.
Our fortress is the good green wood,
Our tent the cypress-tree;
We know the forest round us,
As seamen know the sea.
We know its walls of thorny vines.
Its glades of reedy grass;
Its safe and silent islands
Within the dark morass.

Woe to the English soldiery,
That little dread us near!
On them shall light at midnight,
A strange and sudden fear;
When waking to their tents on fire,
They grasp their arms in vain,
And they who stand to face us
Are bent to earth again;
And they who fly in terror deem
A mighty host behind
And hear the tramp of thousands
Upon the hollow wind.

It was on Snows Island that occurred the scene portrayed on the Confederate note. It is the picture of an interview between Marion and a British officer who had been conducted blindfolded into Marion's camp for the purpose of making arrangements concerning the exchange of prisoners. The officer was surprised; for he expected to find himself in a well-equipped camp, commanded by a tall, imperious leader. Instead, he was introduced to a small, thin man surrounded by small groups

of men here and there lounging or standing around under the moss-hung trees. Upon completion of the interview, the officer was invited to dine with Marion. Now, the officer received his second great surprise; for the meal which was brought to them on a piece of bark consisted of roasted potatoes. Upon being offered some of them, the officer said, "Surely, general, this can not be your ordinary fare!" And Marion replied, "Indeed it is and we are fortunate, on this occasion, entertaining company, to have more than our usual allowance." It is said that the officer was so impressed with the determination and the hardships that Marion's men were willing to undergo that he resigned his commission and said that such people could not be beaten.

In spite of the eventual destruction of his camp and the repeated attempts to capture him, Marion continued to harass the British and fight battles to the last days of the Revolution. After the war was over, he entered the state senate and later participated in the state Constitutional Convention. He died in 1795.

Many years after Marion's death, the Civil War broke out and the Confederacy of which South Carolina was a member used a picture of the sweet potato incident on one of its notes. It was a token of appreciation of the services of its former patriot, and a symbol of the determination and the sacrifices the people of the Confederacy were willing to undergo to secure freedom from what they considered an oppressor.

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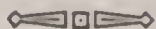
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A Potato Coin

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A DeSoto Half Dollar

In the midst of the turmoil in Congress just before adjournment when Congress sang, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart, I'm In Love With You," a small voice piped up that he "wished to present a bill to authorize the DeSoto half dollar to commemorate the discovery of the Mississippi river. His petition was lost in the turmoil, like a stone disappearing in the ocean's depths—the confusion caused radios to buzz—

Brown—

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"Don't come to New York," he wrote me in 1903, when I lived at Pittsburgh, "we have enough coin dealers in New York."

Like Father Stearns of Chicago, he tried to discourage me, but I arrived in New York in May, 1904, as a coin dealer.

"Well, Elder, I have sold my entire stamp stock," he informed me one day at 65 Nassau Street.

Next time I called he seemed to have as big a stamp stock, books and the like, as ever.

"How is this?" I asked.

"Oh," he said, with a chuckle, "I have got an entirely new big stock since you called."

Before that time Brown had a small store on Ann Street, near the post office. He once ran a restaurant in connection with his stamp and coins. You could look at coins or stamps or buy bean soup, a hot dog and a sandwich. His restaurant soon flopped into history. Brown claimed to be a Socialist. He recommended Socialism for others, anyway. He never tired of attacking the capitalists, but as he grew wealthy and quite a cap-

italist himself, his agitations became somewhat subdued. For a time he printed a small magazine devoted chiefly to attacks on the capitalists. These copies bombarded his friends, including myself.

Brown handled not only stamps and coins but paper money, old newspapers, Indian relics, fossils, gems and curios. He kept a window filled with coins, "California gold charms," curios and miscellaneous junk. At 65 Nassau Street he had a little "hole in the wall," a tiny shop. He built an upstairs to it, reached by a step-ladder and for a time kept a clerk seated on high sorting out stamps. Past this small shop surged crowds of people along Nassau Street. Brown had a fine location. Everybody saw Brown's window exhibit. Brown did business when other people went begging for it. Brown had first one, and then two girl clerks, who remained in his employ for years. This curious old man sat on a stool, behind a small counter and showcase. His customers occupied likewise two small stools, and many and varied customers he had. Some large and important and others small and humble. All were admitted to this stamp and coin sanctuary of Brown. More of Brown next time.

Civil War Tokens

Taking advantage of an exigency caused by a lack of small change, particularly small cent pieces, merchants were not slow to issue millions of small tokens, usually being of cent size during the years of the Civil War. These passed readily as money and made an excellent indestructible form of advertising for firms of the time. There is an excellent compilation on these tokens by Dr. Hetrich and Julius Gutttag giving accurate lists of the same. The coin dealers and die sinkers of the period, like Cogan, Key, Idler, Warner, Murdoth, Lovett and others, capitalized this business by a variety of issues and types in half a dozen metals including silver. Some of the silver, Civil War tokens, like those of Lincoln, Jackson, McClellan and Washington are very rare. A number of war tokens bore a flying eagle which was a very close copy of that bird on the cents of 1857 and 1858. However, almost anything went in that day. The varieties number thousands, yet some tokens are now very rare, like those of West Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri and Kentucky.

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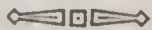
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Coin Conversation From Readers



1804 Dollar

FRANK C. ROSS,

HOBBIES:

I JUST read your paragraph about the proof of the existence of the 1804 dollar. In looking through one of my coin books, *History of the U. S. Mint*, published and copyrighted by George G. Evans, 1892, 1314 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, Pa. I found the following sketch of the 1804 dollar, which was reprinted from Chapman's *Collection Catalogue*, May 14-15, pp. 24-25.

"This coin among collectors is known as the 'king of American rarities.' But seven or eight pieces are known to exist. The 1804 dollars are of two classes, to wit: first, originals, which are from but one obverse and one reverse die, draped bust of Liberty facing right; the head bound with a fillet; hair flowing; six stars before and seven behind the bust above Liberty, upper right hand star almost touching letter y; reverse heraldic eagle bearing on his breast a broad shield, in his beak a scroll, inscribed E Pluribus Unum; twelve arrows in right talon, a branch of olive in left; above, an arc of clouds from wing to wing of eagle; in field beneath thirteen stars; United States of America; edge lettered One Hundred Cents, One Dollar or Unit, which are lightly struck in some parts. The first specimen in the Mint Cabinet weighs 415.2 grains; second, Mr. M. A. Stickney procured from the Mint in 1843 in exchange for other coins; third, W. S. Appleton bought at an advance of \$750, in 1868, from E. Cogan, who purchased it from W. A. Lilliendahl, who bought it at a sale of collection of J. J. Mickley, 1867, for \$750; fourth, L. G. Parmelee bought at sale of E. H. Sandford's collection, 1874, for \$700, who obtained it in 1868 from an aged lady, who got it at the Mint many years before; fifth, W. B. Wetmore bought of Mr. Parmelee, 1868, for \$600, from sale of H. S. Adams' collection, 1875, at \$325 (in fair condition); sixth, present owner unknown to us, formerly in possession of collection of Mr. Robert C. Davis of Philadelphia, and recently sold for \$1,200; seventh, S. H. and H. Chapman purchased, Oc-

tober, 1884, at a sale in Berlin, and resold to a Mr. Scott, a dealer in coins, for \$1,000 at their Philadelphia sale in May, 1885.

"Restrikes. There were struck at the Mint in 1858 restrikes with plain edges, of which three were recovered after diligent search; two of these were destroyed in the Mint, and the other placed in the Cabinet, where it remains. The difference between these and the originals are as follows: Obverse the original die was re-cut in the word Liberty, the stars and date, which made them larger and deeper, especially noticeable in the stars, which are broadened; also in the date, it making the outline sharp and square, whereas in the originals they are somewhat rounded; reverse, not having the original die, they used another, which differs in many respects, most easily noticeable in that the A touches the eagle's claw, the OF much nearer to the end of eagle's wing than S in States (in the original it is equally spaced); edge, plain; weight, 381.5 grains. One specimen is in the Mint and another in England, struck between 1860 and 1869, as in the latter year all dies remaining were destroyed, same as the above, but endeavors were made to letter the edges in the absence of a complete collar by using pieces of collars which did not contain all the letters, but repeated some of them several times. There was one of these pieces sold in the Berg collection in 1883, for \$470, and showed all the peculiarities mentioned, and its weight was said to be inaccurate, the dies were destroyed in the winter of 1868-69. No counterfeit dies of the 1804 dollar were ever made. After the close of each year all dies are now destroyed."

The above sketch was printed forty-two years ago, but I believe that if anyone is interested in seeing one of the 1804 dollars he can undoubtedly find one in the Mint Cabinet mentioned or follow up some of the collections mentioned where it was known that such 1804 dollars existed.

Now, even back in 1892, according to this history of the United States Mint, it was said that the scarcity of this dollar was owing to the sinking of a China-bound vessel having on board almost the entire mintage of the 1804 dollar in lieu of the Spanish milled dollars, and the rarity of the piece and the almost fabulous prices offered for it are patent facts.

And now I come to your paragraph on the trade dollar being resurrected

in China. Possibly some of our hoarding Chinese friends also have some of our 1804 dollars. Who knows? Maybe it would be well to put some of our collecting friends wise to this and if they have good connections in China, they may be able to pick up a few.

I really enjoy your articles in HOBBIES and if the above is of any value, am glad to have taken the time.

H. C. REINERT,
Secretary of Police.
Rockford, Ill.



Compiling Book



E. O. Webb, San Jose, Calif., has been at work for some time on a history of our metallic money, which he is planning to bring out in book form.



We Are Lucky



In connection with the new tax tokens, the Kansas City, Mo., Times, points out that we are indeed lucky that we did not live in Sparta during the time of the reign of the colorful Spartan King, Lysurgus, which was about twenty-nine centuries ago.

Money in those days consisted of large round chunks of iron about the size of cartwheels. The huge discs were the only form of legal tender issued by an edict of Lysurgus. The pieces of metal were heated until red hot and then tempered in vinegar to make them brittle and hence impossible to be worked into any other form. He had a very definite purpose in issuing money that was of no practical use in commerce. By this novel method, he hoped to drive the use of money out of existence.

The first step of Lysurgus was to call in all gold and silver to the government coffers. Then he issued the unwieldy money and declared it of small value. Needless to say, the use of money soon ceased in Sparta, for it would take a large building to house a small sum and a team of oxen to transport a little change to purchase an inexpensive item.



Q.—What is a bonnet piece?—H. J.

A.—It is a gold coin of James V. of Scotland, so called on account of the king's head being decorated with a bonnet instead of a crown. James V. was the first Scottish sovereign who placed dates on money and the first who diminished the size of the gold coins by increasing their thickness. In beauty of workmanship they approach the Roman coins. These bonnet pieces are among the most valued curiosities of the antiquary.

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T. James Clarke

T. James Clarke, president of the T. James Clarke Box & Label Co., who has been a collector for the past 35 years, was elected president of the American Numismatic Association at the national convention of

the Society held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in August.

As a collector, few have such diversified interests as Mr. Clarke. In addition to coins and medals, he also collects stamps, firearms, Indian relics, glassware and autographs among other things. His coin collection covers about every line from Massachusetts silver, colonial and state coinages, territorial gold, and U. S. coins from the half cents to twenty dollar gold pieces.

In the paper money field he has large collections of continental and colonial notes, fractional currency, U. S. notes, Confederate and broken bank notes. Perhaps the most outstanding in his numismatic collection is the U. S. copper cents, assembled by the late Dr. George B. French of Rochester, N. Y. This collection is one of the four largest in the United States. Mr. Clarke also purchased Dr. French's collection of half cents, half dimes, quarter dollars, Jackson hard times tokens and Canadian coins.

Mr. Clarke has been a member of the A.N.A. since 1922

Mr. Dollar (arriving at a dinner party with family): Please announce Mr. and Mrs. Dollar and daughter.

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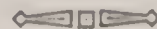
With Missouri using milk bottle caps for money, the *Auxvasse Review* believes it might be a good idea to start saving beer bottle caps, because you never know when they might be handy.

Q.—Were many Columbian half-dollars made for the Chicago World's Fair?—T. T. D.

A.—About 4,000,000 were made.

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Money Talks



***The Blue Island, Ill., Centennial Committee issued a limited number of wooden nickels as souvenirs of the Centennial. During the month of August they were good as legal tender in that city and so accepted by the Blue Island stores and banks. P. J. McCann, Midlothian, Ill., is distributing them at 15c per "nickel".

***They tell this. During the dime chain letter craze, Bobby Breen, eight-year-old, received an 1894 "S" mint dime which he later sold to a coin collector for \$100.

***Perhaps it will pay coin collectors to start collecting old furniture, particularly upholstered pieces. A Maryland man paid \$1 for a chair at a used furniture store recently and found when he removed the old tapestry \$840 in cash and a gold watch in the cushion.

***In a little hosiery manufacturing town in England, a goat ate a banknote, as goats will. The banknote belonged to a rich woman, who demanded that the owner of the goat kill the animal. This was done and the note was retrieved. Then the owner asked for a new goat, but the woman refused to furnish it.

***New Italian 10-lire and 20-lire notes have recently made their appearance and will eventually replace the silver coins of those denominations. The 10-lire note is only 3 3/4 inches long. These notes are said to be very difficult to counterfeit.

***Like its stamps the Ethiopian currency, the Maria Theresa thaler has been thrust into prominence by Italy's war preparations. The coin, which is of silver of 833.33 fineness, weighs 433.08 grains.

The Ethiopian government also circulated a coin known as the Menelik dollar, similar in weight and content to the thaler, but many of the natives failed to recognize it as money and it was withdrawn in 1933. Salt is the common medium of exchange in Ethiopia, however. The country imports 28,652,000 pounds annually and this, taken into the interior in bars and bags, is willingly accepted at a rate of exchange that fluctuates according to the supply.

***Belgium has issued a 50-franc silver coin in connection with the Royal Exposition in Brussels commemorating the centenary of the Belgian railways.

***Australia is minting a new coinage for the mandated territory of New Guinea. A silver shilling, a nickel sixpence, a threepenny bit, and a bronze penny comprise the issue. All the coins are being perforated to facilitate their carriage as ornaments.

New Guinea natives prefer to carry their wealth about with them either round their necks or as nose ornaments.

***Dagger money is a term that originated in England at a time when judges went from Newcastle to Carlisle in the course of their circuit, and money was given to them in lieu of providing an escort to conduct them through the wild Northumbrian country and to protect them from troopers. Their protectors or escorts carried a "dag," a pistol with a small pseudo-bayonet attached.

Old Spanish Trail Coins

L. W. Hoffecker, El Paso, Texas, who is in charge of the distribution of the Old Spanish Trail coins, writes that he has sold the entire issue and has been obliged to turn down several orders for several hundred from dealers in order to take care of the small collectors.

The coins have been advertised in various journals for three months. The American Automobile Association mailed 1000 cards to their clubs through the United States, Mr. Hoffecker mailed out 3000 postal cards to collectors, and sent circulars to the secretaries of all the coin clubs as his idea was to give the collectors a chance, to eliminate any possibility of dissatisfaction.

He used commemorative stamps on all shipments knowing that many coin collectors also collect stamps.

He says he hopes by this consideration to overcome some of the opposition in Washington to commemoratives.

Another First Is Found

Subscriber, L. T. Brodstone, of Superior, Neb., who spent the past summer in England with his sister the Lady Vestey, sends a note stating that the Bank of England, through the will of C. D. Higham, has received a five pound note No. 1, issued by the bank in 1793.

In this connection a question is raised about whether or not a Bank of England note is invariably good for its face even though old. It is pointed out that whether a note is lost or stolen it will always be paid

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at the bank.

This point was finally settled by the theft of £20,000 in notes by the principal clerk in one of the London banks. He escaped to Holland, and there disposed of the notes to a foreign exchange broker. Scotland Yard sent lists of the stolen notes out to all banks and police stations, but not one of the notes was presented during the following two years. Some years later the broker called at the Bank of England with the parcel of notes and demanded payment, which was refused. He then went about the City making a great outcry, telling bankers and brokers that the Bank of England had refused to honor its own notes. Thereupon the "Old Lady" became rather flustered and invited the broker back to the cashier's office where his claim, as well as the problem which it presented, was settled once and for all.

It was not until 1797, when the Bank first issued one-pound notes, that forgery attained the dignity of a public industry. For six years previous to this date there had been only one execution for forgery, which in those days was a capital offense. But during the next twenty years there were no fewer than 870 prosecutions connected with bank-note forgery, in which there were only 160 acquittals and upward of three hundred executions! Those who escaped the death penalty were transported for life.

These severe measures did little to check the traffic in forgeries, and the following case well illustrates this: One Judith Kelly, having escaped the death penalty, was transported for life and, having later been pardoned, was returned to England; but so little had she profited by her experience that, within two days of landing, she was again apprehended (with the "pardon" in her pocket), convicted of uttering forged notes—and hanged.

Judith's pardon, together with the prayer book in which she carried her forged notes, are still preserved at the Bank of England Printing Department at Old-street, E.C.1.

Among other curiosities at the Bank museum is the ash of a £50 note burned in a fire at Chicago and preserved between plates of glass. The owner sent it back to the Bank and, as the number and watermark could be traced on the charred paper, a new £50 note was sent in return.

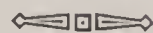
One £25 note remained in a safe for one hundred and eleven years and—as then presented and paid. If compound interest had been payable by the Bank the owner would have been entitled to £60,000.

Sixty Days' "Life"

Thousands of notes never return to the Bank, being hoarded by misers and other eccentric people. But on

an average the "life" of a note—that is, the time that elapses between its issue and payment into the Bank is about 60 days. Once a note passes back to the Bank it is always cancelled, however new it may be. Its cancelling is done by tearing off the cashier's signature the moment the note is handed across the counter. One day's signatures often amount to a weight of twenty pounds!

The Red Shell Money of Western Melanesia



By WALTER J. EYERDAM

I HAVE an 18-inch necklace of red shell money of extra fine quality. It was purchased for one pound at Rossell Island (St. Aignan's) at the source of its manufacture, which is the standard price throughout most of the islands of Western Melanesia for this particular kind and quality. The shell money is called sappy-sappy and consists of one-eighth inch diameter discs cut out of a species of *Spondylus*. The interior is white while the lip is a deep red. Only the upper valve is used, as the lower one is cemented fast to the rock upon which it grows. This *Spondylus* is found at a depth ranging from five to ten fathoms.

The shell is very valuable to the natives of Papua and the Solomon Islands as a source of red and white shell money so highly esteemed as ornaments.

That this shell is quite rare I am certain of, because in all of my intensive collecting of shells on more than a hundred beaches in the Solomons and New Guinea I found only four or five badly worn upper valves. The only localities where I found these few were near Kieta or Bougainville Island and on an islet near Tulagi Island. It was evident at first sight that these worn valves were cast up from deep water.

Sappy-sappy or red and white shell money is manufactured in only two places, and naturally at the best beds. One is on Rossell Island near Papua and the other in the Maravo lagoon near Malaita Island. Since there is so little of the red part on the shell, it is proportionately a higher value. The occurrence of this shell is very limited and restricted to only two or three good beds. The work of diving 40 to 60 feet in depth and the great amount of labor expended in cutting out the tiny discs with primitive tools and polishing them is very laborious.

Polished sappy-sappy is worth twice as much as unpolished. Red money has four times the value of white

The note thus mutilated is preserved at the Bank for five years. Then it is burned in a furnace at Roehampton. The old furnace, near the back entrance of the Bank of England, was quite recently demolished; but many Londoners will remember the "snow storms" of charred bank-note paper which swept around Lothbury when the Bank was busy burning its weekly batch of 500,000 notes.

money. The finest quality of clear color is selected for the kind to be polished.

This native money has a standard price and seems to hold its own with British money. It generally represents the larger denominations of coin and is chiefly used in purchasing wives, pigs and paying fines and debts amongst the natives. It generally forms the principal hoarded wealth of a family and constitutes one of the chief value of heirlooms.



Q.—What do the small letters found beneath the dates on certain pennies signify? Are these pennies worth more than any others?—R. G.

A.—The letter found beneath the date on some pennies indicates the mint at which it was coined. The government of course places no premium on money collectors and dealers prize certain types over their face value.



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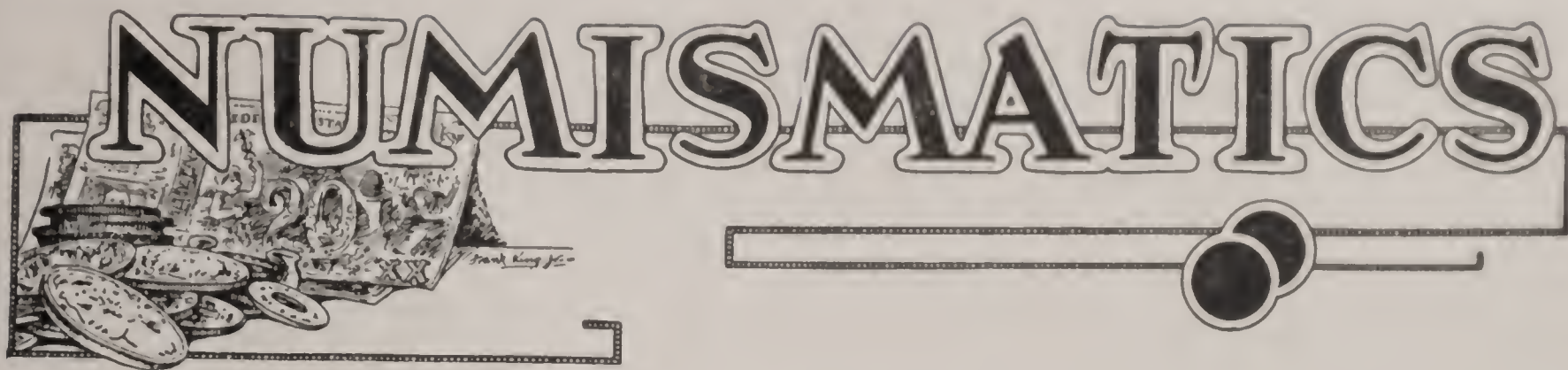
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By*

FRANK C. ROSS

GENERAL Chow Sikeng, governor of a Chinese Province, was an enthusiastic automobilist and had the roads of his province widened and adapted for auto riding. In his honor and in commemoration of his hobby, autos, a silver dollar was coined with an automobile stamped on one side. It is a sad commentary, General Chow was "hoisted on his own petard," so to speak. In leading an army his car got too far in the van and he was surrounded and slain. Many of the "holdbacks" of his district opposed to progressiveness, especially to wide thoroughfares and devil cars, had predicted his death in an auto accident as punishment for his "foolishment," and now the "automobile dollar" is used as a pocket piece for the "I told you sos."

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In the new Costa Rica's coinage the dollar valued coin is called a colon. If one coin is a colon, then several of them will no doubt make a colon-y. Let's colon-ize. Perhaps a half-dollar would be called a semi-colon.

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It is not surprising that coin collecting runs along smoothly in the even tenor of its way, proving the old adage, "still water runs deep." Numismatics is a superficial hobby. It is one of our oldest hobbies, with a 5,000 year history to study and master. The history of money is the history of peoples, customs and nations from the beginning of civilization. Old Man River, the mighty Mississippi, is not a mountain torrent, doesn't make much noise, doesn't run fast, just flows serenely and quietly along; but how big it is, what power it has, how important. Yes, still waters run deep. Numismatics is like the Old Man River.

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Complaints about the method of distribution of commemorative coins keep coming in. The following is from one of the objectors:

"I was disappointed in not getting the Hudson commemorative half dollar. I sent for a couple on July 5th

and my draft was returned stating the coins were all sold out the first day. In making inquiries among some dealers I find that they are asking \$4 each. That's not as it should be and something should be done about it, just as stamp collectors made Mr. Farley come to time. It is my suggestion that when the government issues such coins they should mint a certain number which should be sold not more than one to a person and that the government should supervise the sale of these allotments. If the coinage is 50,000, the government should reserve the right to supervise the disposal of at least 20,000, which would give the average individual collector, who is not a dealer, a chance to get his coin. Why should the coin collectors be made the target of the "coin sharks"?

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"Care not for that which you can never possess." Don't worry about those rarities that you will never see, let alone possess. You can't lose what you don't own, so you are not out anything. It is the background, not the rarity of a coin that counts. A rarity reminds one of the "poor little rich girl" that never even made a mud pie or owned a rag doll. And you do not have to keep your average everyday coin under lock and key to prevent its being kidnaped.

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"A nightingale dies of shame if another bird sings better." The small collector does not hide his head when he meets a big one. They both sing the same tune in the same key, so there are no discordant notes and no room for professional jealousy or shame. It is not a case of "Greek meeting Greek," but one of good fellows getting together."

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Some one said, "the happiest people are those who can enjoy a lazy period and not feel that there must be something they should be doing." If you get that tired feeling, the polite term for laziness, and want to rest, don't go into tantrums about it

and think you are due for a breakdown. It is nature equalizing itself, catching up with overworked nerves. Just take out your old coins, relax, and laze awhile with your "money talking" friends. It is not time wasted.

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One of the monies of India is called "Anna." They are not harassed with the American problem of "How old is Ann?" Her birth date is marked on the coin. India also calls one of its coins "pies." I do not know what India's pie is worth in American money, but I would not trade one of grandma's pumpkin pies for all the pies in India. It seems 12 pies equals one anna and 16 annas one rupee, but it is not known how many rupees to a "whoopie."

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Again be advised, "don't sell your coin collection short." The wise ones, those who read consistently the coin news in HOBBIES do not need to be told, but for the benefit of the ones who don't keep abreast of the times we wish to say that old coins are increasing in value. It is one commodity that was not affected by the six-year depression. Do not sell your old coins for a song. They are always worth face value at the store, they are not in the way, they are just that much saved, hold onto them. If you have a few old coins and just will not build up a bigger collection and insist upon disposing of them, do not sell at the ridiculously low price you have been offered. Hand them to a member of a coin club and ask him to auction them off for you. You will be surprised at the result. Coin collecting is becoming very popular and the coin fever is spreading throughout the land. The old "everybody for himself days" have given away to up-to-date methods, the hobby is regimented, systemized and bettered. The coin clubs are bringing the hobby to the attention of the public, publicizing it, systemizing the promoting and disposing of coins and making for a universal ap-

lift. If you have a collection of coins, no matter how small a one, you have something; don't sell it short.

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Be loyal to your alma mater, the C.C.C., Coin Collectors Coterie. There are no castes in this fraternity; every member is on the same footing. It is true different members occupy different pews, the same as in church, but your pew is not an indication of your poverty to numismatics any more than your church pew is a test of your religion. There are three pews, the three Ms, M—Minor, M—medium, M—major; the minors have few coins, the mediums more coins, the M—majors many more, but like church-goers, they all belong to the same congregation and are all true zealots.

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When Shakespeare said, "Wisely and slow; they stumble that run fast," he must have foreseen the coin collecting habit. Go slow and select your specimens wisely; if you place speed ahead of judgment, you are due for a stumble and most likely a big fall. Let slow and sure be your motto.

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"Fine feathers do not always make fine birds." We do not Sunday dinner on pea-fowl meat—neither do we eat its eggs. And the Bird of Paradise is an ornament, not a nutriment. It is the old brahma hen's cackle that bespeaks its action, that is worth her weight in meat. And fine looking coins are not always the most valuable or desired. It is not the artistry of the design but the history of the coin that has a meaningful cackle or chirp. Some of our plainest coins are the rarest, while some of our most beautiful ones are the most plentiful. A hen is gauged by its nest production, not its fine feathers; a coin by its back-ground, not its delineations.

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The figurative "Paying on the nail" comes from a literal meaning of the expression. When the Exchange was first inaugurated at Bristol, England, payments were made on metal pay-tables. These tables were called "nails" and thus payments were literally "paid on the nail." Some of these pay-tables or "nails" are still on exhibit, but not in use.

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His comment, after being shown her collection of coins, was, "You haven't even got half cents," and was then at a loss to account for her frigidity the balance of the evening.

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At one time symbols were placed on English coins representing the source of the metal in the coins. An elephant on the coin indicated the silver was from Africa; roses, silver

from England mines, and plumes, Welsh silver. If metal from two different places were used in one mintage, the coin had two symbols, one for each locality.

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The word florin is a "shortation" of the coin's original names, Floreyne and Florence.

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Through life we change our style of garb each decade, but we wear our youthful favorable and unfavorable complexes throughout life. We may change our opinions about things we learn in books, but not the things we learn in youth from our elders' precepts. We reverence religion—not because we have studied the Bible—for few of us have—but because we were taught it at our mother's knee. Elders believe what they have studied, youth what it hears. A man said that as a youth, while he was watching the parade of elephants from the unloading circus train to the big top, the much advertised sacred white elephant from Ceylon was covered with a tarpaulin. A bystander jocularly remarked, "they keep the elephant covered so the sun won't melt the white paint." The boy took the remark seriously and ever afterward had an unfavorable complex toward circuses, never being able to divorce the thought that circus freaks were fakes. If a six-year-old youngster shows you his big collection of coins, consisting of four smooth dimes and three plugged nickels that his dad had taken in and could not pass on, five badly tarnished pennies, a Canadian dime and a lodge token, don't laugh at them, don't even smile; beam on them. Examine each coin carefully. "Those dimes must be terribly old for they have even lost their dates; some one did a good job on doctoring the nickels; I never saw a Canadian dime before; what a curious token." Prove your proprietary interest in the collection by augmenting it with the centless nickel, BDV Lincoln penny or large copper cent you have been carrying as a pocket piece, with the promise you will watch your change for "sleepers" for him. Do not squelch his interest in the big collection nor give him an unfavorable complex toward the hobby with your criticism even though constructively intended; he will progress naturally and in his own way. It is not so important what a little chap collects as that he collects. After installing a favorable complex in the boy toward coins, chalk yourself up with the credit of having laid the corner stone of a major collection.

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It is said that the Burmese people will only accept coin that has a woman's head stamped on it. Maybe, suggests the Hopkins Journal, they

believe this is the only kind of money that talks.

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Numismatic means pertaining to coins and medals. Numismatics is from the Latin numisma, which means coin, money. Medals therefore is an afterthought. Money is the main line, medals a side branch. Money is my lady's dress, medals the lace trimming. Money is the meat, medals the seasoning. The designs on coins are nationally emblematic; on medals, local. Collectors specializing in medals are few and far between. Medals, except in rare instances, do not attain high prices for they can be counterfeited with impunity, and can be struck by any Tom, Dick and Harry. War medals are probably the most popular amongst the average collector as they can, like coins, be collected in sets, the medals from each country forming a set. A nice collection would be that of medals in commemoration of the circus. A veteran of the big top recently presented the writer with a medal (1869) struck in honor of Yankee Robinson and his big show. A coin collection without a few medals is, like my lady's dress without lace or meat without seasoning, incomplete.

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She Had Him There

The other day a lady took a package to the postoffice to mail. When told the postage would be 2½ cents, she replied, "I didn't know you had 'half sense.'" The clerk blushed.—*Liberty Tribune.*

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"Anagram your cent with an S and get polecat."

"Can't be done, Silly."

"Scent."

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The point has often been made that the solo collector in a small town has it on the city collector of a coin club, the conclusion being based on the fact that the small town collector being uninfluenced by other collectors, reflects his personality in his collection. And that having no market for his coins, he collects solely for the pleasure, while the city man with his outlet for his coins through the club members and the club auction keeps his weather eye open toward the profit end of the hobby. Granting this to be the case, the city man should not pity the ruralite and the town man should not envy the cityite.

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The race is traveling at a rapid gait and we sometimes despair as to the ultimate destination. Sitting at the side of the road watching the streamliners whiz by with no goal in sight, not even pausing to answer

Dr. Stork's thumb-hitch for a lift, we wonder what will ever become of us. But when we move over to the other side of the road and see the cars rolling leisurely along, loaded with families carrying a lunch basket instead of a speedometer, on the way to a picnic grounds with back to nature as the goal and Dr. Stork a passenger, our pessimism gives way to optimism, for we know that so long as a sufficient number of people "carry a lunch basket" and retain Dr. Stork as the family physician the future is roseate.

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In numismatics there is developing a class of speedsters, major collectors that will look at nothing but proofs and uncirculates, that look upon their collections as only something to admire, as something of so much premium value. But the minor collectors need not despair. Station yourself at the side of the road, the other side, and watch the parade of minors riding leisurely along with a car full of family coins; not little Lord Fauntleroy's and Beauty contest winners, but freckled faced boys and rompered girls, a collection of every day average youngsters; coins to love as well as admire, coins with more of a historical value than premium one.

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The future of numismatist's rests on the shoulders of the Minors, not the Majors, on those that "carry the lunch basket," not those that sport a speedometer.

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A prominent numismatist, but not a club member, was asked if he believed in coin clubs. "Yes," he replied, "if the club is run properly." His fear was that the close constant association of members would tend to make them of the same mind; that sooner or later they would all specialize in the same coin or phase, thus doing away with individual initiative. His fears are groundless. Clubs regiment the collectors and exercise a certain, necessary disciplinary control, but they do not regulate the members. The club tends to make the members' individualism all the more individualistic. One that collects halves goes into ecstasies over another's quarter collection, and vice versa. Each one becomes acquainted with another's choice and goes out of his way to help him. If the man with the half dollar collection runs across a scarce quarter, instead of starting a quarter collection of his own, hurries to trade it to the quarter collector.

tor. This is good for all for each member has the entire club looking out for him. Through this mutual help individualism is encouraged rather than diminished. And it is good for the club from a purely selfish standpoint. It recruits its new members from its visitors and it is a more seductive lure to show visitors coins of every description than duplicates of one coin.



Money Talks



If you want any of the new coins of New Guinea which are now being minted by the royal mint in Melbourne, Australia, you may have to take them off the neck chain of a native maiden. Since the natives of New Guinea are too scantily dressed to own anything like pockets, the new coins for the mandated territory of that country are perforated so that they may be carried on a string around the neck.



Gene Dalbey of Hamburg, Iowa, rated a story in the Omaha, Neb., *Sunday World Herald* recently because of his coin collection. And well he might. Mr. Dalbey has coins struck under every rule of England from James I and under every king of France from Louis XIV. Besides he has ancient coins from almost every other country in Europe and Asia.



Will Reinhardt, Indianapolis, Ind., collector, sends a clipping from a local newspaper which tells of a display at a large department store in that city, of "Moneys of the World from the Chase National Bank Collection of New York." The display attracted considerable attention because it was shown during the state convention of school teachers.



Mr. Reinhardt also sends the following note from an Evansville, Ind., paper:

"A \$100 bank note issued in 1892, which had been kept by a woman here for forty years, was used this week to pay taxes. The woman explained the bill had been a keepsake. It had been issued by the Washington (Ind.) National Bank."

Mr. Reinhardt adds a postscript stating that it is not a matter of a "find," but a "freeze-out" from people in hard circumstances, who do not know that numismatists would have given them a premium above face value for such.



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Republic of Texas Coins

Have you any coins minted during the existence of the Republic of Texas?

Queries are coming to the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations, about an exhibit of Texas coins. But there will be no such exhibit. There were no Republic of Texas coins.

The early Texans used gold coins struck off in European countries. Spanish doubloons, worth about \$16.50, and Mexican silver, were used chiefly.

Despite the absence of coins, the Republic of Texas had plenty of printing presses and there was plenty of paper money run off, but without the signature of President Sam Houston, who protested the printing of paper money because of the absence of any gold or silver in the treasury.

This obstacle was overcome, however, by an ambitious clerk who signed the President's name on each new crisp note as it came off the press. Some of these notes bore such legends as "Republic of Texas Note," and "The Government of Texas, Houston, Texas."

There are a great many of these notes in the hands of collectors, but they have little value because of the great number which were printed.

Texas probably was the only Republic which didn't rush into the manufacture of coins.—*Roger M. Busfield, Department of Periodicals for Texas.*

Questions - Answers

A subscriber asks about "a freak 1934 cent marked, '1934 V.'" We have asked two authorities about this. One says it "probably means 'D' mint for Denver." The other says he has never heard of such an oddity, and if he did he doesn't believe that it would have any value. Any information from others?

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Recollections of an Old Collector

The Struggle for Commemoratives

By THOMAS L. ELDER

THE quest for commemorative half dollars and other pieces of the same class gains intensity. There is a keenness in the present pursuit not justified by the facts. Besides there is a speculative side which is not altogether creditable to some coin collectors and dealers of the better class.

The entire issue of the Hudson half dollar, which came out in July, was locked up in four days by three or four speculators, who thereby deprived the private collector of the chance to secure a half dollar for a nominal price. Its price is now around four or five dollars, which is outrageous for a coin of the present year of which 10,000 were struck. If commemorative coins are to be issued for collectors then collectors should get them as well as coin dealers, and no set of circumstances should prevent their reaching collectors through fair and open channels and at moderate prices. If the private collector will go on a strike and refuse to buy a single new issue of "cornered" coins it will put a stop to this monkey business on the part of speculators. The half dime of 1864 had an issue of only 470 pieces, yet one is to be had today, sixty-nine years afterwards, at from \$2.50 to \$3.50. A three-cent silver piece of 1873 can be had today for about \$2.00 whereas only 600 pieces were struck. On the other hand, a Grant half dollar of 1922 with star, of which 5,000 were struck, is quoted by one dealer at \$20. Absurd isn't it? How long are collectors going to stand for this game of "Now you see it, now you don't see it," with new issues of commemorative coins? It is time for a protest out loud. The way to stop this game of speculators is to have each commemorative issue of at least 50,000 pieces. Few of such speculators have money enough to negotiate an issue of over 25,000 coins. The name of speculators who try to "corner" new commemoratives should be had at cost.

Colonial and Continental Money

Here is a field which has been overlooked by collectors, and a most interesting field it is. There were the very early notes of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia, which have almost disappeared or were worn out by hard circulation. Benjamin Franklin printed the early notes for Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware. His notes were as a rule printed on brittle paper, so that those few which come down to us, from

the 1750's and 1760's, are either creased at the middle or torn there. We find them mended and pieced together with linen thread or old pins of the pre-Revolutionary vintage. Franklin submitted to the Governor of Pennsylvania a scheme for paper money which was adopted in a very early day. This scheme made Franklin a fortune. Some of the early Continental issues used Franklin's designs, like sun dials and linked chains and adopted his Latin mottoes also. Franklin's ideas of thrift, and his neutrality, such as "Mind your business," are unwelcome in this day of war rumors, hand-outs, and boondoggling, unwelcome to those on the receiving end. But Franklin's name will live after many others are forgotten. The Colonial and Continental notes bore usually three signatures in ink, occasionally in two colors of ink, red and black. Remarkably clear we see these names today on finely preserved notes. The series of 1776 of New Jersey with those magnificent three and six pound notes, mark the high watermark of workmanship in Colonial notes, printed in red and black, a credit to the time. John Hart, a signer, signed some of these notes of the March, 1776 issue of New Jersey. The signatures of John Morton and Francis Hopkinson are found on other notes of Pennsylvania. Such notes sell at from \$2 to \$10 each with these signatures. Very handsome Colonial notes and Continentals may be had in the best condition today from \$1 to \$2 each, varieties which are not rare. The rare Georgia, North and South Carolina, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Virginia notes bring very much more. There are several hundred varieties of these notes. The Cohen collection, sold in New York a few years ago for, I believe, \$8,800, under the hammer.

Brown

In the last issue the writer spoke of Brown, that picturesque old stamp and coin dealer in New York City, who died a few years ago. Brown was original, if peculiar. Some twenty-five years ago a controversy arose over the ownership of a Baldwin & Co. \$10 gold coin which came into Brown's hands from a London, England, dealer. The decision was left to a committee composed of Dewitt Smith, the writer, and several others and was settled one afternoon at the old Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York.

The entry of Mr. Brown into the front door of the hotel occasioned a stir among employees who did not recognize this worthy's position in

the coin world. Twenty-seven years ago when the writer gave a complimentary dinner at the celebrated Cafe Martin, on Fifth Avenue, New York, to members of the American Numismatic Association, invitations were sent around mostly to local collectors, although distinguished collectors came from as far as Chicago to attend the dinner and also the coin sale of the Wilson collection which the writer held. Among them was Virgil M. Brand, Wm. H. Woodin and Dr. Camp from Kansas City, Mo. Brown got an invitation, in response to which he wrote on the back of a postal card on September 30, 1908: "Friend Elder. When one of our prominent public men was asked, 'Is life worth living?' he replied, 'It all depends on the liver.' So I think too much of my liver to get it out of order at your fine dinner, Yours, Brown."

Brown's customers had a habit of leaning too strongly on his little show case in his little box of a store on Nassau Street. More than once it broke through. The glass seemed none too thick or strong. Brown made the culprit pay for the breakage. Brown had a certain shrewdness. Whether inherited or acquired is unimportant. He observed his customers closely. He sold them stamps, coins, curios, — and even postage

stamps of the current sort. For a time he made quite a business out of a brokerage in current stamps. He would stop important business with you to wait on a small girl or boy who wanted to buy a two-cent stamp. He doubtless bought current stamps at a discount and in this way cashed in four or five percent profit. As Brown grew older he grew shrewder. Nobody got the better of Brown if he knew it. Of course some collectors were better posted on coins and their values than he was; this served to make Brown more alert and watchful than ever. Curiously enough Brown although so close to the moving mass of humanity on Nassau Street, never seems to have been held up or robbed. He probably didn't look gullible or easy to prospective hold-up men who may have visited his store or looked it over from the outside. Occasionally Brown got some very good and rare things in both stamps and coins and he doubtless made very good profits on such purchases, which of course he was entitled to.

In the next issue the writer will continue the account of Brown and his eccentricities, and I will tell of his last days and how his collection was disposed of, including his stamp collection.

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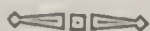
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BLUE MONDAY



A Short, Short Story

By F. VERNON SMITH

BLUE Monday, and truly a blue Monday in the office of the Treasurer of the United States that day. It was June 13, 1870, the thirteenth to make matters worse and for the first time, the Treasurer of the U. S. had a mark against his record. Eight years and now this had to happen, a fine record, over forty-four billion dollars worth of new paper money had been handled by his department in the past eight years without a loss of any kind, and now \$20,000 was gone. A package of 2,000 uncounted \$10 bills, a little package about five inches high had disappeared.

\$20,000 had been walked away with in broad daylight, in front of the chief of this division, and a clerk, the fact of the matter was, they had been talked out of it.

The Treasurer was angry, in fact he was more than angry, he was boiling mad, his record was ruined, he would hear from the press, his friend would kid him, and to make matters worse, he was planning to take a week's vacation. The clerks in his office left him strictly alone, he was on his war horse and when it was necessary to report to him his department heads and staff were as considerate and careful as a slave to a master. There was no joking or loud talking and carefree acting in the office of the Treasurer of the U.S. that day. It was blue Monday, the thirteenth.

All of the department heads reports connected with the disappearance of the money were in, and now Mr. Skinner awaited the report of the head of the Secret Service, a report which he knew would make it necessary for him to announce to the country that he had failed and needed their co-operation.

Col. Brightly, head of the Secret Service, was announced to the chief, and he learned the worst:

Saturday morning—and visitors to the Treasury, the mecca of all visitors to Washington—were passing up and down the halls of the Treasury building, when the wife of a well known politician of the city, with a group of friends passed the open door of the counting room. Spying Mr. Boot, the Chief of this Division, whom she knew well, she started in, followed by her friends. As she stepped into the room a gentleman who had been loitering in the hall stepped in between her and those following, and walked directly over to Mr. Boot, engaging him in conversation regard-

ing the work and the room. Mr. Boot believing him interested and a member of the party allowed himself to be guided over to the table containing the new money. Here he asked numerous questions and engaged Mr. Boot in further conversation while the rest of the supposed party continued down the opposite side of the table toward the other door. Suddenly the stranger pointed to the door with his right hand in which he carried a large Panama hat, calling attention to his friends leaving the room. With the other hand he quickly lifted from the table a package of currency and sliding it under his loose coat, he covered it with his hat and hurried after his supposed friends, leaving by the door after them.

In the meantime another man had entered the room and placing himself between the clerk who was supposed to watch the money, made insistent inquiries regarding a fictitious party who he claimed worked there, all of the time making a screen of his body, of the activities of his partner. After a minute or two he left by the other door. An hour or two later the discovery was made of the missing package but no alarm was felt as it was believed that it had not been received from the printing division. No trace could be found of the \$20,000 that day, and the Secret Service was notified. They learned from the lady that the gentlemen were not of their party, and she supposed that the rude gentlemen were friends of Mr. Boot and had not wanted to interrupt. This left the facts that the two gentlemen who had been seen loitering in the hall had taken advantage of the situation and abstracted the \$20,000 and fled.

Immediately after the conference with the Treasurer, advertisements of the loss were broadcast, the press was called in and all publicity was given to the theft. The notes were numbered H3,530,000 to H3,532,000, both inclusive, and were of the ten dollar denomination. It was further stated that no note of this value higher than H3,236,000 had ever been issued.

A week passed and then another blue Monday rolled around June 27, 1870. A letter came carrying news, \$1,500 had been deposited in a New York City bank. The Secret Service Chief Col. Brightly was in New York and went right to work on the case. The same day the balance of the \$20,000 was recovered there, one man

was arrested, confessed that the sight of so much money had led him and his companion while visiting Washington to plan a haul. The companion fled the country and the Treasurer of the U. S. ended another blue Monday with a smile. The money had been recovered and the office force sighed a breath of relief.



At Auction



The following selections are made from a list of auction prices obtained at Bolender's 99th auction sale held on October 15.

- 1877 silver 20 cents, proof \$9.
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- 1846 half dime, fine, \$5.25.
- 1872 cent, proof \$4.75.
- 1861 Confederate States half dollar restrike, \$18.50.
- 1856 flying eagle cent, fine, \$10.
- 1884 trade dollar in copper, unc., \$40.
- 1804 cent, very fine, \$60.
- 1831 cent, unc., \$16.
- \$1,000 C.S.A. Montgomery note, \$21.
- \$500 C.S.A. Montgomery note, \$25.
- 1813 \$5 gold, very fine, \$15.
- 1792 half dime, good, \$15.
- 1873 two cent proof, \$7.75.
- 1841 half cent, fine, \$40.
- Andrew Jackson large silver Indian peace medal, \$75.
- 1793 cent, chain type, very good, \$12.50.
- 1742 Swedish plate 4-daler, \$21.
- 1853 "O" half dime without arrows, very good, \$5.50.
- 1795 half dollar, about fine, \$8.50.
- Breton 599 proof, \$5.
- Breton 602 proof, \$5.
- 1901 Leshar dollar, Boyd Park, unc., \$17.
- 1835 Russia 3 roubles platinum, fine, \$21.



Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club



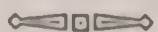
The Chicago Coin Club celebrated its two hundredth meeting on the evening of October 2, with a banquet in the regular meeting hall. Approximately 200 members and friends participated in the celebration. Sixteen tables of various classifications were displayed.

A friend of J. Henry Ripstra who does sleight-of-hand, started the meeting off with some excellent coin tricks, which puzzled the keenest of the coinsters.

Next came the banquet. The oldest Chicago Coin Club member living, Charles Markus, of Davenport, Ia., was one of the principal speakers. R. E. Davis, of Chicago, reviewed the history of the club in a capable manner.

Afterwards the ladies played bridge while the men attended the auction which was comprised of seventy lots.

COIN CONVERSATION



Helping the Young Hobbyst



Will Reinhardt, Indianapolis, Ind., collector, writes: "If you really want to create some enthusiasm and interest in numismatics, you should just drop into a newspaper sub-station on some Saturday morning when the boys have done their collecting and have their pockets crammed with all kinds of coins and are ready to square up. Announce to them that you will give each one a stipulated premium for certain pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and halves. Then watch the fun and excitement as they eagerly scan their change and fire a volley of questions at you to answer. Then and there you have started some of them to be coin collectors, and given them a thought that money is something more than just a medium of exchange."

Mr. Reinhardt tells of how he had a boy call on him for particulars of different coins in circulation. The boy said that he ran a cash register at a well-known high school cafeteria, and wanted to have the information so that he would know what to look for.

And as for the interest in Indian head cents Mr. Reinhardt says that he contacted several persons within

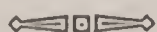
the year who had collections in lots from 10 to 3,500, but they would not part with them at any premium.

Mr. Elder's suggestion in a previous issue that we do a little homage to Franklin on our coin designs is also seconded by Mr. Reinhardt.

Mr. Reinhardt has sent in some material showing that Benjamin Franklin was opposed to the use of the American bald eagle as a coin emblem. In a letter to his daughter dated January 26, he writes to her as follows:

"For my part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly; you may have seen him perched on some dead tree, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing-hawk; and when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish, and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle pursues him, and takes it from him. With all this injustice he is never in good case; but, like those men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy. Besides, he is a rank coward; the little kingbird, not bigger than a sparrow, attacks him boldly and drives him out of the district."

The Guinea: An English Racket



By R. WALTERS

IN THIS country we have followed the confusing system of weights and measures in vogue in England but fortunately we adopted a decimal system of coinage. If we had followed the British monetary system we would have had the "guinea racket" to contend with along with our other rackets. When the guinea was originally coined, the intention was to make it current as a twenty shilling piece; but from an error in calculating the exact proportions of gold and silver, it never circulated for that value. Sir Isaac Newton fixed the value of the guinea at 20s. 8d., and by his advice the Crown proclaimed that it should be current at 21s. The first guineas bore the figure of an elephant on the reverse, as an emblem of that part of Africa which furnished the gold and gave its name to the coin.

The guinea was first coined during the reign of Charles II, in 1664, and

continued in common use until 1817, when it was superseded by the sovereign. Its value varied at different periods, but was latterly fixed at twenty-one shillings. The racketeers of the guinea are not criminals but the very highest class of professional men in England. It is still customary in Great Britain to estimate professional fees, honoraria of all kinds, complimentary subscriptions, prices of pictures, etc., in guineas; to give a physician three sovereigns and three shillings, rather than three sovereigns alone, or even three sovereigns and five shillings, is supposed to make the transaction differ from a mere mercantile one, and thus veils the sordidness which is fancied to attach to pounds, shillings, and pence.

Bernard Bland in an article entitled "The Guinea Ramp and How to End it," tells us that: "The guinea has probably antagonized more foreign visitors against England than any other custom. I call it a custom, because, although we pay our guineas

to our doctors, our tailors, our hoteliers, and our dentists, you would have to visit a museum to find a specimen of the coin."

The guinea is tolerated by most Englishmen as a reminder of the "good old days" but the wise merchant uses the guinea to fleece his customers out of many pounds a year. Bland tells us: "A financier, asked the secret of his success, once said: 'I buy in pounds and sell in guineas.' In other words, on every transaction, beside the usual profit, he made a shilling."

Automobiles are priced in guineas, and like the F.O.B. in small type below the price of our cars, the Englishman does not figure the actual cost. For example if a car is priced at 275 guineas, the average person figures it is just approximately 275 pounds, but if he is one who watches his pennies he does a little multiplying of guineas by twenty-one shillings and finds this car is going to cost him in every day money just 288 pounds and fifteen shillings.

Probably something of a similar nature would have come into fashion in this country if the U. S. Supreme Court had not upheld the President on the present gold standard.

There are many honest Englishmen opposed to the cunning and hypocritical swindle of the guinea. They call it a "ramp" which is just a refined racket.

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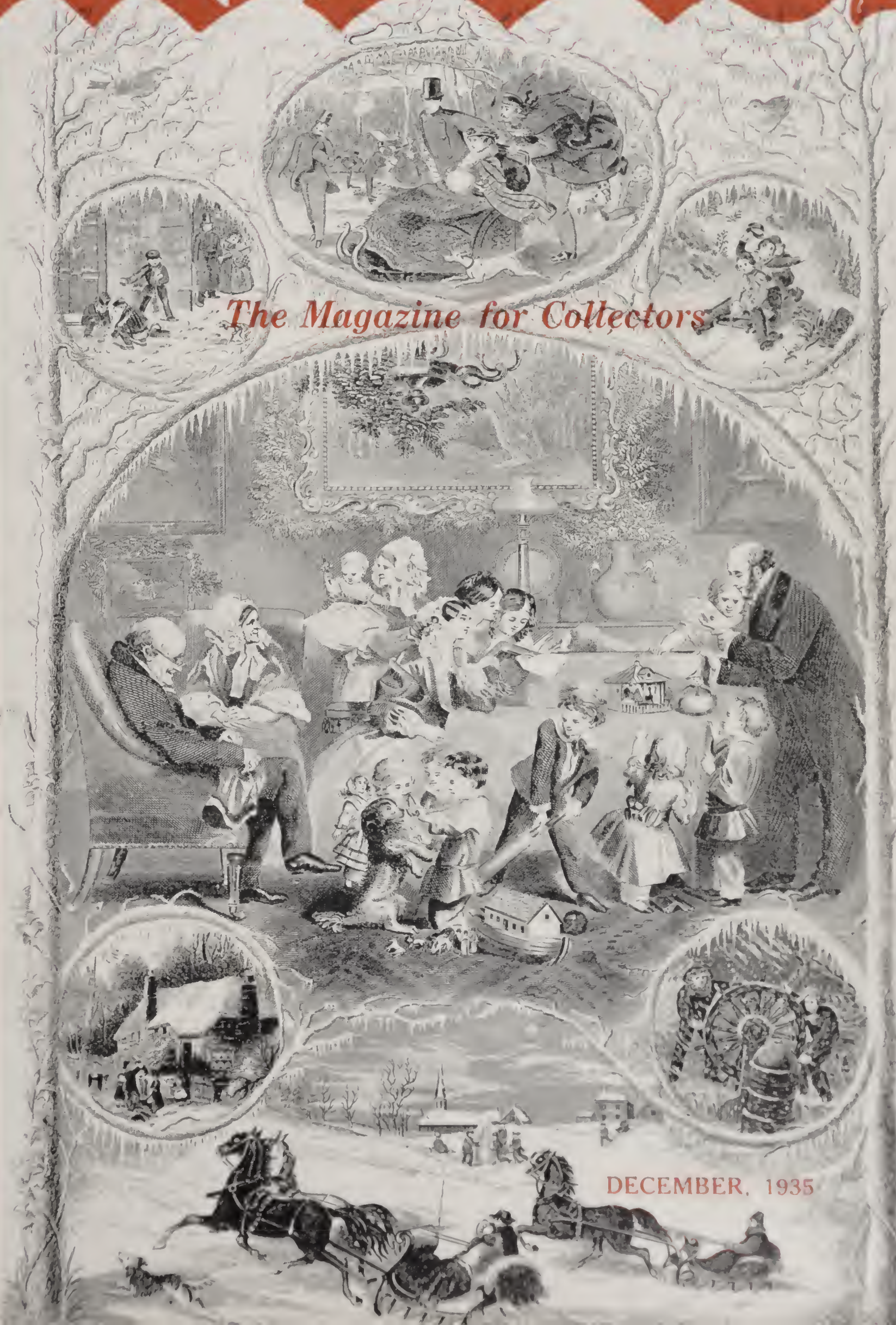
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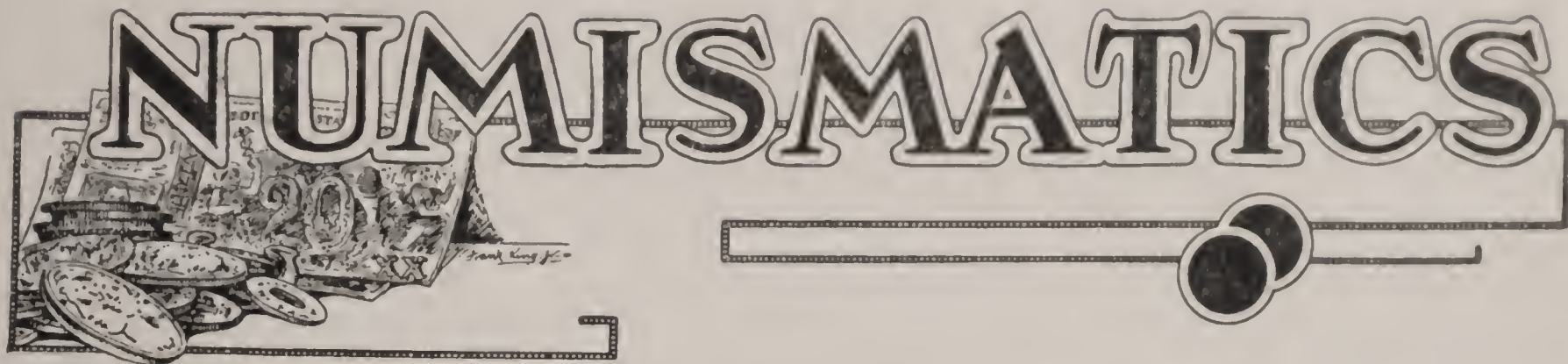
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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS *By*

FRANK C. ROSS

Ships

There are many who wait for their ships to come in,
For their ships to come in from sea.

This question they ask as they watch and wait,
"Will a ship come home to me?"

The answer comes swift from a voyager old,
A voyager weathered and gray,
"Have you sent forth a craft with a cargo, friend?
A craft that might come in today?"

There are many who long for their ships to come in
That they from their cares may be free;
But how could a ship come home to them

When they've sent no craft to sea?

Amy Elizabeth Taylor.

Waiting for one's ship to come in is merely trusting everything to luck, a very bad policy. It has been truthfully said, "A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck." "It is what you put into, not what you take out, of life that counts," and it is the reward of effort not of idle chance that is worth achieving. Only the fellow who buckles down to work with pluck enough to stick to the job against all odds and set-backs, who builds up his own coin collection, who sets sail a cargo, can expect a well-laden ship to come in. The hopeful idler who takes an idle chance of some day finding a hidden pot of old coins, or of being left one by some beneficent uncle, will most likely spend the rest of his days sitting on the pier waiting vainly for the ship that never came in.

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"Rome wasn't built in a day." Nor a week, a month, a year. If it had been built in such short order, it would not have been worth the building. And the boys who built it, the pioneers, are the ones who deserve the credit for "the glory that was

Rome's." And these same boys got more satisfaction, more pleasure, in its building, in producing something, than the "afterwards" who merely dwelt in and admired it. The zest is in the quest.

A major coin collection is not built in a day, a week, a month, a year. A result so easily accomplished would be nothing to boast of. And it is not the boys who merely own—that is, bought in a lump—a major collection that deserves the applause. The fellows who started from the ground, who took the knocks along with the boosts, who profited from mistakes, studied as they collected, built coin upon coin, slow but sure—they are the boys who deserve credit for the high pedestal upon which numismatics now stands. And these same boys got a bigger kick out of the building of their collection than out of the finished structure. The zest is in the quest.

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The treasury is waiting for a number of \$10,000 bills of a retired issue to be turned in. These old bills are rare and the coin collectors are not going to turn them in unless the government pays a premium on them. They must be rare as none of the dealers is advertising them for sale and none is being offered in coin auction sales.

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"Opportunity is ever worth expecting; let your hook ever hang ready. The fish will be in the pool where you least imagine it." Keep on watching your change for an old or odd coin; don't give up; some day one will turn up when you least expect it. Ingalls said opportunity only rapped once at each door, but when it comes to finding "sleepers" in your change, no matter how often you find one, there is always that opportunity of repeating.

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An Indiana woman paid her tax installment of \$8 with 800 pennies. Using pennies for tax tokens, so to speak. It answers the oft repeated

question, "What becomes of all the millions of pennies that are coined?" They are all laid away for tax paying day.

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The most irksome words we now hear spoken are, "Come across with the sales tax token."

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Thomas L. Elder struck the numismatic nail on the head and the profiteering dealer in a tender spot when he advised that coin collectors go on a strike and refuse to buy "cornered" commemorative coins. Even if the buyers do not boycott the speculators, the unethical practice will fall of its own weight. Commemorative coins have been very popular with the average collector, each collector endeavoring to fill in a complete set. So long as there were only one or two scarce high-priced ones, it was not so hard on the pocket book, but with so many of these short-mintaged, high-priced, speculatively tainted, round—"cornered" coins following each other in rapid succession, it is simply getting too much for the traffic to bear and a break down will be the sure result. The collectors will simply stop trying to build up complete sets, as the game will not be worth the cost. It is the average collector who buys up the 10,000 issues; not the majors, and he will eventually get tired of paying and paying, and the graft will die of its own gluttony.

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"Folks are of different opinions; some like apples and some like onions." Some collectors stick to the old metallic coins, while others flirt with Miss Papyrus, paper money. As to which one to choose, you have to make your own decision. Mr. Metallic invites us to come and live with him in the coin mansion, free from moth and danger of tearing or being gnawed by rats. Miss Papyrus extends an invitation to board with her and take your chances on the butterflies, mice and rips. If in doubt, flip a coin.

Choosing between coins or paper bills reminds us of the story in the *Independence Examiner* of the old negro's explanation of foreordination. "Foreordination is like dis: In de beginning de good Lord foreordained for all of us to go to heaben and lib wid him. Den de ole debbil he foreordained for all ob us to go to hell and lib wid him. Dat made it a tie and left it for us to cast de deciding vote. It is up to you all."

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The *Buffalo News* says: "The drunk driver's weakness isn't his inability to take curves, but the disposition to take curves that aren't there."

The inexperienced beginner is generally so eager to secure coins and knowing practically nothing of values that he grabs every coin offered him. His weakness isn't his inability to take coins of value, but to take coins that have no value.

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Credentia vs. Legendus

Pessimist—a joy killer; self-hater—one who does not believe in fairies; debunker—he who attempts (always unsuccessfully) to disprove legendary lore. The most to be pitied of the three is the debunker, for he really represents the three in one. It is he that insists on cold, historical data and when not forthcoming leaves the question open as an unsolved mystery.

Optimist—a student of and believer in legends. In the annals of Legend there is no such a thing as a mystery.

Occasionally, but very rarely, is found a numismatic debunker, one who questions the authenticity of data furnished by legend in the solving of the many so-called mystery coins.

The 1804 dollar for instance: How many were there actually coined and what became of them? The debunker insists it is a disputable and debatable question, a mystery. Now anyone who knows his legend knows the answer. In fact several different answers and all of them acceptable. Legend has his legendary license—similar to the poet's poetical license—permitting him to alter the facts to fit the tale. Let's cite one of the many legendary answers to the mystery question of the 1804 dollar:

Congress minted 20,000 silver dollars in 1804 with which to pay a \$20,000 ransom demanded by pirates of Tripoli for the release of some American marine captives. The young intrepid Stephen Decatur was assigned the job of making the exchange, money for marines. After the deal was consummated Decatur sank the pirate ship, and until some salvaging crew resurrects the sunken ship the 20,000 1804 dollars will con-

tinue to augment Davy Jones' treasure trove.

"If all of the 20,000 coins were given to the pirates, how can we account for the few coins that are known to exist?" "Easy," answers Legend. "Decatur short-changed the pirates and brought back a few as mementos."

When the answer is not found in Credentia, consult Legendus.

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An inquiry comes in, "Does the woman usually found on our coinage represent some particular personage?" It is a conceptive likeness of Miss Columbia and typifies Miss Liberty. Present-day designers have experimented with the filigree work on our coins but none has had the temerity to brave the wrath of Uncle Sam by depicting his girl friend, Miss Liberty, with bobbed hair and abbreviated skirts.

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Another query, "Will women ever take to coin collecting?" Answer: "They already have." Five of seven girls in one office were found to have coin collections. This one instance is probably above the average, but it is a straw showing that women like old coins as well as new money.

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"Poor but honest" is correct as a person can be both poor and honest. Many correspondents in all sincerity speak of themselves as "obscure but ardent coin collectors." Their intentions are all right, but they underestimate themselves. There is no such thing as an obscure ardent collector. He can be either one of the two, but not both. An obscurity is one who does not show or talk his coins; an ardent is one who exhibits and conversates them. And a collector who is ardent enough to make inquiries is entirely too interested in numismatics to be obscure.

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Pleasure, contentment, is a state of mind, not a matter of time and place. The "teeners" of today need not waste sympathy on the "same agers" of fifty years ago. The youngsters who ride their three blocks to school in a heated auto catch as many colds as did those who hitched their sled to a wagon and were drawn a mile through the snow. Distilled water has nothing on that from the old oaken bucket. Hygienic food seasoned with calories and vitamins tastes no better than did the big thick slices of mother's bread hot from the oven spread with churned butter and yellow sugar.

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And you modern "press the button" coin collectors are wasting your breath pitying the "find your own" boys of the "comb your change" age.

It is true they had no clubs to attend, no coin news, no auction sales, no statistical books, considered a proof coin as some kind of evidence, uncirculates eyed with suspicion as possible counterfeits, mint marks considered as designers' initials, condition dependent on legibility of date; No matter what shape a coin was in, a coin was a coin for all that. They got just as big a kick out of combing their change, their chief source of supply; out of buying coins from a pawn broker's window at 25 cents above face value, their secondary supply source; all regardless of present condition or previous service-tude, as you regimented coin collectors of this regimented age do out of your regimented supply sources.

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Questions and Answers

Q.—What states issue tax tokens?

A.—Twenty-three states have sales taxes, but only these five issued tokens; Missouri, Illinois, New Mexico, Washington, Colorado.

Q.—Were any 1913 Liberty head nickels minted?

A.—The rumor still persists there were a few minted, all now owned by one gentleman, but the government records do not show any as having been coined, and until the rumor is verified the mint records should be taken as conclusive.

Q.—Who appoints the designer of our coins and how is he appointed?

A.—The law provides that the director of the mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall select designs for coins.

Q.—Why is it not good policy to clean old, dirty coins?

A.—That dirty look on coins is not dirt but tarnish, and the friction necessary to remove the tarnish injures the coin. Cleaning coins is a delicate operation and should only be done by an expert.

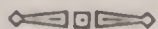
Q.—How are the number of coins of the various denominations governed at each mint each year?

A.—Coinage is influenced by the demand from the banks and the denominations to be coined also correspond with the requests from banking centers.



You are wrong, guess again. You missed it a mile. The question is, how many letters on each of the coins, cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half and dollar? Also which of the coins has the most and which the least number of letters? Write down your guess and then count the letters and see—not how close you come, but how far you missed.

Recollections of an Old Collector



By THOMAS L. ELDER

A Plea for Better Collecting

SOME of our collectors just now are giving ample signs of going U.S. MAD on coins. This is an unhealthy sign, not justified by any sort of reflection or facts. Besides they should know there are not enough American coins to go around. If every collector starts in on U. S. coins no one can make a complete collection. If there is anything more foolish than collecting one little line of U. S. coins like a set of commemorative coins and stopping there, I fail to understand what it is. Practically every collector of dates sells out sooner or later. If he has means enough he comes to the end of his rope when he fills out his collecting set and has to quit or after awhile he begins to sense that he has locked a lot of money up and then the investment bee commences to work in his bonnet, resulting in his selling out. Some of the very biggest collectors we have met with do this invariably through some circumstances or other. They complete a line, tire of it and then sell out. On the other hand a collector who collects ancient or historical coins can continually, and for very moderate cost, add to his collection indefinitely. Inasmuch as he does not collect die-breaks or cracks his mental and cultural tastes are broadened and his knowledge of history and art and archaeology increase, adding real culture to his character and breadth to his intellect. The late Chapman brothers always regretted to me that so comparatively few American collectors cared for historical or ancient coins. American coins have a comparatively brief history. You can go back only several hundred years when there are no American coins to collect. The Sommer Islands series belong to a British West Indian colony, strictly speaking they are not American coins. When so many really interesting foreign silver coins and fine ancient coins are to be had for such moderate prices why do not Americans go after them? Why do they miss or overlook these gems when they are offered?

Brown the Stamp and Coin Dealer Installment 3

My recollection of Mr. Brown, that plainly dressed, tall, gaunt old gentleman who graced a small box of a coin and stamp place on Nassau Street in New York City a few years ago, I'll never forget. He wore a thin scraggly beard, his face was long and thin, his eyes small and sharp, his manner was alert and

nervous. He was on the job right up to the moment he withdrew from the city and went to live at his house at Richmond Hill on Long Island. He had a farm in New England. His history as a coin and stamp dealer dates from the outbreak of the Civil War, another proof that the "Vicksburg Citizens," newspapers which he left to me are perfectly genuine as he said. He had procured them from soldiers in Grant's army who had entered Vicksburg that July morning in 1863, and who had seized editor's Swords' type as set up and ran off a few hundred copies as souvenirs. The late David Proskey, who used to work for Brown, pronounced these "Citizens" as perfectly genuine. I had shown him a copy I had got from Brown. Proskey was a great authority on genuine things.

Brown had to compress his stocks of coins and stamps as his box-like shop seemed to preclude free breathing. So he hit on the scheme of filling small wooden boxes, which he put together himself with tacks and tin, into which boxes he put coins of the various kinds. He had a one-cent box, a two-cent box, a three-cent box, a five-cent box and a ten-cent box, of copper coins, for visitors to paw over. Then he had five, ten and twenty-five cents boxes of foreign silver to select from. But if one should discover a really choice piece in a box he would sometimes say, "Let me see that. I don't believe I can let you have that piece, it is too rare." This was Brown's style. He was afraid somebody would get too valuable a piece for the price marked on the boxes, and to prevent this he observed carefully what was selected. The shrewdness and alertness of Brown never deserted him for a moment.

"Elder, do you know how we clean coins?" Brown asked of me one morning when he called. "Well, I'll show you" he added. Taking a coin out of a five-cent box he spat upon it and then rubbed it vigorously across one of his coat sleeves. The result was indeed a cleaner coin but it was disagreeably clean with high points rubbed and bright spots showing. This process he exhibited with a chuckle, which his clerks joined in.

"That is the way we clean coins," said Brown. Picture any collector cleaning a fine uncirculated large cent in that way, giving it a rubbed appearance! Nassau crowds jostled along past Browns window. I'll always remember the little tray of fake California one-quarter and one-half

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dollars which were always seen in the window for sale at from 35 to 60c a piece. Of course Brown did not sell these for genuine pieces and must have had quite a demand for them as they always graced the window along with sundry stamps, Indian stone axes, old pipes, documents, and Japanese iron cash coins, which Brown had got in Japan when accompanying his father, a missionary. Brown obtained a fair share of down-town stamp and coin business, and sold many a gold coin also. The very roughness and smallness of the place seemed no deterrent to his business, but it attracted many collectors, some of them important. Who knows but Colonel Green himself may have graced one of Brown's stools at times when looking over stamps. This is merely surmising though. But Brown had many callers.

One day we missed Brown. He had left New York for good and gone to live at his house in Brooklyn, and we think took a clerk or so with him, maybe to assist him in keeping house or in watching his stock. The late A. R. Frey reported to me that shortly after Brown's removal a large safe was sitting in Brown's backyard at Richmond Hill. Some place for a safe in gangster days, eh! After that Brown did a small mail business. Once he wrote the writer and told him just what he sold in a month, information he had not requested. His mail sales averaged about \$35 to \$50 per week. He ran small ads for a time to bolster up the business. Brown had all the business and work he wanted. He was then well past eighty years old. It was nearing time for him to lay off business affairs. He realized, I suppose, that his end was near.

Presently the writer got a letter from Brown saying he had decided to put in his will that I was to sell his collection of coins, and wanted to know what my charge would be. Sometime after that Mr. Fash, a local collector who had known Brown, was near Richmond Hill and thought he would drop in to see Brown. He found him alone, I believe, his assistants had left him and gone elsewhere. Brown came laboriously down to the door in his bare feet, preferring the comfort of being lightly clad in his own home. The next piece of news reached the writer, through Brown's executor. The old man had died, likely alone and forsaken in his home. He had left a letter saying his effects in the coin and curio line were to be left in my hands. After some dickering with the executors, a van came one day to my door with between forty and forty-five boxes of coins, curios, paper money and what not. Through some error were delivered some books of stamps, which I discovered had been sent to me,

whereas Percy Doane was to handle the stamps. These I turned over to the executor. I made the catalog and held the sale, which was a good success. The material was sold about 1930, as I record. The demand for small U. S. cents and minor coins had hardly begun at that time and Brown had thousands of uncirculated small cents of nearly all dates and mints, many of them proof. Today they would bring more than they did although the prices realized seemed at that time to be high. Fred Boyd bought most of these small cents and this proved a good move on his part.

Well, Brown had hundreds of gold dollars, which sold well, and perhaps 3,000 or more commemorative half dollars. One lot of about 100 Alabama half dollars was sold in a single lot to the elderly Mr. Windau for about \$1.20 each. Today they bring \$3 each, showing how prices have changed. Several large lots of Bennington half dollars changed hands at 65 cents per coin. They are worth far more. There were good lots of the rarer issues like Panama-Pacific, Vancouver and others. Brown had a habit of ordering 50 or 100 of

any issue which came out. He was a pioneer at this. His sale totaled over \$12,000. This was about the figure Rudolph Kohler appraised the collection. All the lots of paper money, Indian relics, curios, fossils, admission tickets, stone axes and the like were sold. Brown's effects, accumulated over seventy-five years, were thus cleaned up in two or three days at satisfactory prices for that time. So went it all. And both Brown and Kohler and old Mr. Windau have passed on to a better world.

An interesting phase of Brown's life was his connection with the Five Points Mission. His contact with all classes of humanity contributed to his early socialistic ideas. He helped to support the mission and to this mission went all his belongings, the proceeds of his coin and stamp collection, his farm and Long Island property. He had taught a Sunday school class at the Five Points Mission for over forty years and was highly thought of by that institution and its officers. And so passed Wm. P. Brown, one of the most colorful and interesting, if eccentric characters, who ever adorned the stamp and coin fraternity.

Briefs of the Events Commemorated by United States Coins



By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Alabama Centennial Half Dollar

On March 3, 1817, the eastern part of the Mississippi territory was made a new territory called Alabama, and on March 2, 1819, the people of the territory were authorized to form a state government. The bill authorizing its admission into the Union was approved by the President on December 14, 1819.

American Independence Sesquicentennial Half Dollar and \$2.50 Gold

Prior to the reconvention of the Continental Congress, the battles of Lexington and Concord had been fought and the remedies requested by the Congress failed to be heeded. Therefore, after the Congress reconvened, other events like the burning of Falmouth and the contract for 20,000 Germans to fight the colonists aroused the Americans to such an extent that a committee composed of Jefferson, Franklin, John Adams, Sherman and Livingston was appointed to draw up a declaration of independence in case the motion that "these Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states," was carried. The motion was carried on July 2, and on the fourth of July the Declaration was adopted in much the same form as it had been drawn up by Jefferson.

Arkansas Centennial Half Dollar

A bill creating the Arkansas territory out of the southern part of the Missouri territory was reported to Congress, and after several weeks of controversy over some restrictions on slavery was passed by the Congress and approved by the President on March 2, 1819. On March 22, 1836, a bill for the admission of Arkansas into the Union as a state was reported to Congress, where it again underwent debate over the question of slavery, but was passed on June 13, 1836, and approved by the President on June 16.

Battle of Bennington and Vermont Independence Sesquicentennial Half Dollar

In 1777, during the American Revolution, while Burgoyne was on his way to Albany, he stopped at Fort Edward, where he heard that the Americans had a desirable quantity of provisions stored at Bennington. Burgoyne was anxious to obtain the provisions, and he sent Col. Baum with several hundred German troops and Indians to seize them. However, Col. Baum was met and defeated by General Stark's New Hampshire and Massachusetts militia.

California Diamond Jubilee Half Dollar

California was made a territory on

August 15, 1846. As a result of the gold rush, the territory was soon ready for admission as a state. Although the admission of California was tied up with the slavery controversy, it was settled by Clay's Compromise of 1850 which provided among other things that California be admitted as a free state. So on September 9, 1850, California became a state.

*California Pacific International
Exposition Half Dollar*

The World's Fair held at San Diego from May 29 to November 11, 1935, marks four centuries of progress which began with the entrance of Cabrillo's ships into the harbor which we know today as San Diego.

Columbian Half Dollar

The World's Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago in 1893 in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. The exhibition contained in about 150 buildings erected in Jackson Park was known as the "White City" because of the marble-like appearance of the buildings.

*Connecticut Tercentenary Half
Dollar*

In 1636 Massachusetts emigrants led by Thomas Hooker settled in Connecticut and founded the towns of Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield on the Connecticut River. Three years later they adopted the Fundamental Orders which has the honor of being the first constitution drawn up in America. In 1687 Governor Andros tried to take away their charter, but is said to have been foiled by the disappearance of the document when the candles were intentionally blown out in the meeting house. The charter is said to have been hidden in an old oak tree.

*Daniel Boone Bicentennial
Half Dollar*

Daniel Boone was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, but moved to North Carolina while yet a boy. At the age of twenty-one he entered the service of General Braddock against the French at Fort Duquesne during which he met John Finley, whose accounts of the land south of the Ohio intrigued him so much that he went to explore the region. Later, Boone blazed a trail through Kentucky and established a fort which was named Boonesborough in his honor. Although Boone was captured by the Indians, who attempted to make him one of their chiefs, he managed to escape and saved Boonesborough from capture and destruction by the Indians at the instigation of the British. The reverse of the coin shows Boone negotiating a treaty with Chief Black Fish which ended the siege of Boonesborough.

*Fort Vancouver Centennial
Half Dollar*

The early fur-trading post of Fort Vancouver, at Vancouver, Washington, was settled by Dr. John McLoughlin and a group of companions of the British Hudson's Bay Company. McLoughlin was commandant of the fort for about twenty years.

*Grant Memorial Half Dollar and
Gold Dollar*

U. S. Grant was born at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio. Hannah Simpson, his mother, was a member of one of the old Pennsylvania families, while his father, Jesse R. Grant, was of Scottish descent and did tanning and farming for a living. U. S. Grant's real name was Hiram Ulysses Grant.

*Hawaiian Sesquicentennial Half
Dollar*

In July, 1776, Capt. James Cook, an English navigator, made an expedition to the Arctic region to determine if a means of communication existed between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. During the expedition he explored a considerable part of the western coast of North America, and discovered the Sandwich Islands, on one of which, Hawaii, he spent the winter of 1778. As a result of a quarrel with the natives, he lost his life.

Hudson Sesquicentennial Half Dollar

Hudson was originally known as Claverack Landing and consisted of two wharfs and storehouses to which the farmers brought their produce for shipment. In 1783 a group of merchants and fishermen from Rhode Island, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard settled there, and the next year named it Hudson in honor of the English navigator. In 1785 the city was chartered.

Illinois Centennial Half Dollar

By an act of February 3, 1809, the Indiana territory was divided and the western part declared the Illinois territory. Later, on December 3, 1818, the bill providing for its admission as a state was approved by the President.

Isabella Quarter

This coin was minted for the World Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893, and in memory of the queen who made the voyage of Columbus possible. After Columbus' scheme had been rejected for the second time by the Spanish court, he started on his way to put his proposal before the King of France, when he was suddenly recalled by Isabella, queen of Spain, and given her whole-hearted support. It was through her efforts that he finally

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Lafayette Dollar

Lafayette was born in Auvergne, France. With the outbreak of the American Revolution, he offered his services to our country and was accepted. He soon won the admiration and friendship of Gen. Washington through his excellent conduct at the battle of Brandywine. Later he saw service in Virginia and participated in the battle of Yorktown. He made several later visits to America, and in 1824 was handsomely rewarded by Congress with a large tract of land and \$200,000. The coin was struck in conjunction with the unveiling of a memorial during an exposition in Paris in 1900.

Lewis and Clark Expedition Gold Dollar

After the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803, President Jefferson was anxious to have this territory explored, which extended from the Mississippi to the Rockies. Therefore, he put Lewis and Clark at the head of an expedition which set out from the mouth of the Missouri River in the spring of 1804, followed the Missouri to its source, crossed the Rockies and descended to the Pacific by way of the Columbia River in 1805. Later, this expedition served as one of our best claims to the Oregon territory. The coin was struck in conjunction with the exposition held at Portland, Ore., in 1905.

Lexington and Concord Sesquicentennial Half Dollar

The Continental Congress was to convene on May 10, 1775, in case certain grievances were not remedied by the British government. In the meanwhile, prior to the date set for reconvention, the British general, Gates, had heard of arms and powder stored at Concord and Acton for the use of the Minutemen. Therefore, he sent troops to seize the arms and powder and to arrest John Hancock and Samuel Adams, who were in refuge at Lexington. As soon as the Bostonians heard of the plans, they sent William Dawes and Paul Revere to warn the people. By the time the troops reached Lexington they were confronted with a small band of Minutemen. Some deadly

shots were exchanged and the British moved on Concord bridge, where they were forced back and compelled to retreat to Boston under a constant rain of shots from either flank. By the time the British had returned to Boston, 16,000 militia had gathered and the siege of Boston was begun which resulted in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Louisiana Purchase Exposition Gold Dollars

The coins were struck in conjunction with the exposition held in St. Louis in 1903. They commemorate the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803. In 1800 Spain ceded to Napoleon the territory known as Louisiana. This transfer gave the United States for a neighbor one of the most aggressive and dangerous governments. The latter was soon made evident by the closing of the mouth of the Mississippi and the withdrawal of the right of transfer of goods to ocean-going vessels that our western farmers had enjoyed under the Pickney Treaty of 1795. The best course open to President Jefferson was to attempt to purchase New Orleans and West Florida. Fortunately, a turn of affairs compelled Napoleon to sell the whole of Louisiana which the United States, through its negotiator, Livingston, purchased for \$15,000,000.

Maine Centennial Half Dollar

By an act of June 19, 1819, the people in that part of Massachusetts known as the District of Maine were given permission to form a state. Accordingly, they drew up a constitution, and on March 3, 1820, Maine was admitted into the Union.

McKinley Gold Dollar

The coin was struck in conjunction with the erection of a memorial building at Niles, Ohio, the birthplace of McKinley. He was the successful presidential candidate against W. J. Bryan during the interesting free-silver campaign. His first administration is known for the Spanish-American War and the Dingley Tariff. Although McKinley was re-elected for a second term, he did not live to complete it; for he was shot by an assassin while holding a reception at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.

Maryland Tercentenary Half Dollar

In 1632 George Calvert was granted a tract of land in America to which, in 1634, his son, Cecil (the second Lord Baltimore), sent a colony of about three hundred men who landed at St. Mary's on the Chesapeake Bay. The colony was originally founded for the persecuted Catholics of England, but was open to all sects, and in 1649 the assembly passed the Toleration Act, according to which no one "professing to believe in Jesus Christ shall be in any ways troubled,

molested, or discountenanced for his or her religion."

Missouri Centennial Half Dollar

By an act of June 4, 1812, a portion of the Louisiana territory was set aside as Missouri territory, and on December 18, 1818, it applied for permission to create a state government. The question of its admission became involved in a controversy over slavery, which was finally settled by

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the Missouri Compromise, according to which Maine was admitted as a free state and slavery was prohibited in the Louisiana Territory above 36 degrees and 30 minutes, except in Missouri. Although the bills were signed in March, 1820, Missouri was not admitted until August, 1821, because of an objectionable clause in her constitution.

Monroe Doctrine Centennial Half Dollar

In 1808 Napoleon's overthrow of the Spanish dynasty was seized upon by the Spanish colonies in South and Central America as an opportune time to revolt and declare themselves independent. However, after Napoleon had been disposed of by the victorious powers, a quadruple alliance was formed by Russia, Prussia, Austria and France for the purpose of restoring the power and possessions of the overthrown thrones. The plan was objectionable to England for commercial reasons and to the United States because of fears of the respective designs of Russia and France on the Pacific Coast and Mexico. Therefore, when England suggested to the United States that a joint declaration of "hands off" be given the powers, the United States, at the behest of Secretary Adams, decided to assume sole responsibility for the declaration. And President Monroe included the famous doctrine in his annual message to Congress on December 2, 1823. This doctrine, which now bears his name, states principally that the American continents are "no longer to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power," and that the South American republics are to stay independent of Spain.

Old Spanish Trail Half Dollar

Cabeza de Vaca was a member of an expedition under De Narvaez which sailed from Spain for America in June, 1527. As a result of disease, storms, and Indian warfare, the members were reduced from about 700 to five, and the latter were taken as slaves by the Indians. Eventually Cabeza de Vaca and several other survivors escaped and made their way from the Gulf of Mexico through El Paso to the settlements of New Spain.

Oregon Trail Half Dollar

The Oregon Trail was one of the most famous trails leading from such points as St. Louis, Independence and Atchison on the Missouri River to Fort Laramie. From there it crossed the Rocky Mountains by way of the South Pass to Fort Bridger, and then led down the Snake River to the Columbia, and finally down the Co-

lumbia to Fort Vancouver, on the Pacific Coast. On April 10, 1930, as part of a celebration, a wagon train set out over the trail.

Providence Tercentenary Half Dollar

Because Roger Williams, a pastor at Salem, Mass., taught that the land belonged to the Indians and that the conscience of people was not to be controlled by the government, he was driven from the colony by the Puritans in 1836. With the aid of friendly Indians he arrived at Narragansett Bay and there he found a site of land that he bought from the Indians and named "Providence" in thankfulness for the helpfulness of God. Others, who likewise found disfavor in the eyes of the Puritans, followed his example and soon several towns sprang up about the shores of Narragansett Bay.

Pilgrim Tercentenary Half Dollar

In order to escape from religious persecution, a group of Separatists left Scrooby, England, and went to Amsterdam, Holland, where their religion was tolerated. Later they moved to Leyden and stayed for a number of years, but became dissatisfied because their children were adopting the Dutch customs and intermarrying. Therefore, the majority arranged for a tract of land in America from the Virginia Company and left Plymouth, England, in the Mayflower on September 6, 1620. After arriving on the coast of North America and before landing the group, they adopted a "Mayflower Compact"—a form of self-government—and sent out an exploring party to find a good harbor. The latter was found at Plymouth, and the company landed in December of 1620.

Panama-Pacific Exposition Coins

The exposition was held in San Francisco, Calif., in 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal and the 400th year of the discovery of the Pacific Ocean. It was opened by President Wilson in Washington by pressing a button, whereupon the exhibition doors swung open.

Stone Mountain Half Dollar

The coin commemorates the undertaking of a monumental carving on Stone Mountain which is a mass of granite 700 feet high, located in De Kalb County, Georgia. The nature and prominence of the mountain which is accentuated by the surrounding flat country has made it suitable for the carving on the north face of a relief showing the mounted figures of some Confederate leaders as a monument to the valor of the Confederate soldiers. The carving was begun in 1922 by Borglum, and continued by Augustus Lakeman.

Texas Centennial Half Dollar

Prior to 1830 Americans were encouraged to settle in Texas, Mexico, and were given large tracts of land at very reasonable terms. However, after 1830 the Mexican government reversed its policy and forbade further immigration. This and other matters incensed the Texans to such an extent that on March 2, 1836, they declared their independence. Santa Anna, the new president of Mexico, tried to quell the rebellion and cruelly exterminated the rebels, who were at the Alamo and at Goliad. Later, General Sam Houston's troops met Santa Anna and his army at San Jacinto, routed them, and took Santa Anna prisoner, thereby settling the independence of Texas. A constitution was drawn up and Sam Houston made president of the republic. It was annexed to the United States in 1845.

Wallon-Huguenot Tercentenary Half Dollar

In 1624 Cornelius Jacobs May returned to America with a number of Walloons and Huguenots. The Walloons had come from a district in Belgium, and they and the Huguenots settled on Manhattan Island, Fort Orange (Albany), and in various sections of the other Atlantic States.



Speaking of Coin Collecting



By GORDON E. WHEELER



The earliest money transaction on record, according to the *Coins of England*, a book published in London, 1846, is that in which it is related that Abraham weighed to Ephron "four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant" in payment for the field of Machpelah. These are supposed to have been mere lumps of silver, without any impress or mark, which passed by weight only, as the term shekel—from shakal, to weigh, implies.

The denomination for money used in the book of Job is not, however, *shekel*, but *kesitah*, a lamb. It is possible the image of that animal was stamped on the weighed piece, or shekel, alluded to in the Bible.

To the Greeks, however, must go the credit for the first invention of positive coins as money, according to most historians. Some do accredit the use of gold and silver to the Persian Darices, prior to the Greek use of coins. And there are those who say the Phoenicians had coins at their Malta Colony, ahead of the Greeks.

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